

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
December 8th, 2004

Bill Schramm called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:41 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Wenonah Community Building.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Bill Schramm (Chair)	X	
Dave Kreck (V. Chair)		X
Scott Barnes (Sec.)	X	
Bob Bevilacqua	X	
Paula Hayes	X	
Brian Hayes	X	
Bill Schnarr	X	

Associate Members Present: Richard Dilks, Frank Eggert, Chuck Forsman

Public Guests Present: Debbie Austin, Sarah Harbold

Minutes of November 10th meeting were approved. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Schnarr)

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Debbie Austin:** The Lake Association will sell note and photo cards at the Garden Fair. She will provide cost estimates so the WEC can decide whether it wants to participate.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Synnott's Pond:** Upcoming work will use borough equipment where possible. Labor is still the major cost; need to get better estimates. Planning is required for: site access, material storage, and material disposal.

There are still open questions about which State permits are required. Answers to be provided at next meeting.

January to March is the ideal time frame to do the work. Volunteers will be needed for dress-up chores. In addition, would be desirable to dig the left channel two feet down by hand to aid drainage, and to cut down some trees.

- **Wenonah Lake Dredging:** Spoil removal will occur in the next month, or before spring in any case. Fish will be restocked in the spring. Lake is being negatively impacted by new storm sewer in Oak Valley. Borough is applying for grant to do major, complete dredging.
- **Trail Maintenance:** Mantua Creek Trail dirt pile has been distributed. New water bars were installed at the northern trailhead.

Also: Conservation Area signs must be re-done. New rails were installed on Breakback Run Trail.

- **Borough Park Trees + Borough Hall Plantings:** 12 people answered the call on Saturday, November 20th.
- **Foot Traffic Only (FTO):** Ordinance passed. Text is forthcoming.
- **Paper Street Vacation:** Bill Schnarr explained some basics of the process: 1) Borough cannot sell property except for common good. 2) Cannot vacate streets with utilities. 3) There is no adverse possession of Borough property.
- **Finances:** \$3355 in Friends of Wenonah Trails, plus \$100 donation from Richard Dilks.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Wenonah School After-School Program:** Need ideas for indoor activities. Will occur each Monday from January 10th through February 7th except for Martin Luther King Day.
- **2005 Projects:** To be discussed at next meeting. Will include: trail map update, Synnott's Pond, and Conservation Area signs.
- **Planning Board Report:** Undersized lots on Linden Avenue were voted down.

Lizzie proposal is for 36 age-restricted units and 4 low/moderate income units. Borough will be charged for water usage, even though water actually will be piped from Deptford. There is an easement problem with a gravel lane on the south side of the property.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:30 PM. (Motion: Schramm, Second: Schnarr)