

# WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Corrected as per November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Meeting

Bob Bevilacqua called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:32 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Wenonah Community Center.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Bob Bevilacqua (Chair)	X	
Dave Kreck (V. Chair)	X	
Scott Barnes (Sec.)	X	
Scott Birkland	X	
Rich Dilks	X	
Bill Schnarr		X

Associate Members Present: Bonnie Bell, Mary Ellen Bush, Chuck Forsman, Brian Hayes, Paula Hayes

Minutes of the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved. (Motion: Barnes, Second: Birkland)

### BUSINESS

- **Chairman's Report:** A Brownie hike is scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup>. A Tiger Scout hike might be held the following Wednesday.

The 2007 schedule was discussed so that the borough calendar submission could be made. Major changes from this year: 1) Spring Work Party moved three weeks after Vulturefest instead of the same day. 2) Spring Hike moved to Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup> to coincide with Earth Day. 3) Teahouse meeting month changed from August to September in hopes of better attendance.

- **Capital Projects (Dave Kreck):** Selection of donated Synnott's Pond plants needs to be made so delivery can take place later this month. Rich will direct the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service what to deliver.

Synnott's funding from National Fish & Wildlife Foundation is good until June 2007. Bob Pritchard will contribute \$1000. Jay Barton wants to place a bench in his brother's honor.

In general at Synnott's, there are small jobs to do, but it is too muddy to do them now. The outline of the pond will be done by Saturday. The hard work is coming up: plantings, plus repairing damage done by the two excavators.

Regarding State storm water management requirements: at least half of the drain inlets must be marked by May. This could be a Scout project, or perhaps a 6<sup>th</sup> grade project tied to their stream studies.

- **Technical (Rich Dilks):** Beetles continue working against purple loosestrife. As of July 31<sup>st</sup>, leaf damage was observed throughout the loosestrife area.

A Vulturefest organizational meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at the school. The festival will be partnering with Scotland Run Park to mount a vulture which died of natural causes; this will cost \$600.

Bob reported that the Lake Association wants to plant a tree honoring Bradley Caraker. Location is within the fenced area near the volleyball court. Rich will pick a location; Bob will get costs.

- **Legal (Chuck Forsman):** The Stewart Estate marker on North Jefferson Ave. needs cleaned. Three more Stewart plaques need to be placed; Bob and his brother will be taking care of these.
- **Additional Comments:** Mary Ellen questioned why the duckweed is much worse on Comey's Lake than on Dilk's Pond. The general opinion was that Comey's has more stormwater and more fertilizer runoff. There was some discussion on whether a fountain or bubblers would be appropriate; the Simpsons are interested. The question of who pays for the electricity would have to be settled. Bob suggested that an article be placed in the next borough newsletter regarding general usage of fertilizers and phosphates.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:31 PM. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Barnes)