

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

July 9th, 2008

Corrected as per August 13th, 2008 meeting

Bob Bevilacqua called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:37 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Wenonah Community Center.

| <u>ROLL CALL</u> | <u>PRESENT</u> | <u>ABSENT</u> |
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| Rich Dilks (Chair) | | X |
| Bob Bevilacqua (V. Chair) | X | |
| Scott Barnes (Sec. / Planning Bd. Rep.) | X | |
| Scott Birkland | | X |
| Mary Ellen Bush | X | |
| Dave Kreck | | X |
| Bill Schnarr | | X |

Associate Member Present: Chuck Forsman (*acting as Member to meet quorum*)
Minutes of the June 11th meeting were approved. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Barnes)

BUSINESS

- **Chairman's Report:** The winners of the 6th Grade Student Environmental Awards were Damara Peraino and Collin Malcolm.

July 4th Hike had about 8 enthusiastic participants. Atlantic City Electric has not taken care of its abandoned wires near Mullens' yet.

There will be no further Synnott's Pond work parties until the fall.

Gloucester County Nature Club will be meeting in the Community Center on the 2nd Thursday of the month starting in September. This should be mentioned in the September borough newsletter.

Bob personally removed the trees affecting Diana Salomone's property (*see June minutes*).

Frank Eggert is looking into the possibility of cabling the precarious beech tree at Clay Hill. (*See June minutes.*)

A letter of recommendation was sent to Rollie Malfitano for his Eagle Scout project to plant bulbs in Wenonah Park.

Sam Morris' bridge is done (*see June minutes*); materials will be much less expensive than originally projected.

- **Education (Mary Ellen Bush):** Mary Ellen suggests an environmentally-focused Q&A feature for the borough newsletter. Chuck believes it should be somehow tied into increasing WEC meeting attendance.

- **Liaison (Scott Barnes):** At the Planning Board meeting, Dave Kreck reported that Woodbury wishes to sell its wells near Moore's Liquor, the reservoir in Woodbury Heights, and the associated piping (and customers) along Woodbury-Glassboro Road. The infrastructure suffers from low-pressure issues, and would not necessarily help Wenonah out of its current water dilemma. An additional meeting is scheduled with the Deptford Municipal Utilities Authority to try to work out a water allocation agreement to allow the Wenonah Meadows project to proceed.

As the result of an ongoing situation on East Buttonwood, solicitor Dale Taylor is recommending zoning improvements to limit the size of accessory buildings as a percentage of house size.

Diana Salomone made preliminary inquiries about a use variance to allow her grounds to be rented out for wedding parties and other occasions involving 60 people or less. Concerns were raised about parking and restroom facilities. For parking, Wachovia will allow use of their lot when the bank is closed. Mr. Taylor pointed out that there is a history of private affairs at the location.

- **Council/Legal (Chuck Forsman):** Chuck has spoken with Kenny Atkinson about Maple Ridge. The County's appraisal was completed on July 3rd and submitted to the G.C. Planning staff. The County is likely to fund 75%. Mantua wishes to fund their side of the property regardless of Deptford's position. The process will likely yield two township parks, rather than a single county park.

Even though Maple Ridge is not within Wenonah's borders, Mr. Atkinson feels that Wenonah should apply for a 25% Green Acres grant for municipalities that have never received such funding before. Chuck received an application form earlier today.

The Stewart Estate Trust has no applicable funding for this project.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10 PM (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Barnes)