

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
November 11th, 2009

Rich Dilks called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:30 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Community Center.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
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	
Chris Newman		X

Associate Members Present: Frank Eggert, Tom Murtha

Public Guest Present: Phil Kaeferle

Minutes of the October 14th meeting were approved. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Kreck, AIF)

BUSINESS

- **Chairman's Report:** Regarding the design concepts for the Garden Trail (*see October*), Rich has asked to make a presentation at a Woman's Club meeting.

At the November 7th Synott's Pond work party, 8 tons of stone was laid in Breakback Run and bushes were planted at the Elm Street entrance.

Bob has researched costs of getting a long-reach excavator under this year's budget: \$1,150/day rental plus other expenses would total approximately \$4,500. Regarding the boat idea (*see October*), Mr. Kaeferle mentioned that the borough is disposing of a fire boat; Scott Birkland will see if it might be useful.

Dave is 2/3rds of the way through the Recreational Trails Program grant request. A state permit is required, but it will not be difficult to obtain. The proposal is really an entire trail upgrade, not just a single bridge replacement.

The Shawnee Drive erosion problem may not be on borough land; we need to find out.

The conservation sign near the Mantua Creek Trail which was damaged in an accident is being replaced at a cost of \$150 from the borough budget.

The balance in Friends of Wenonah Trails is \$8,439.07.

The first 2010 Vulture Festival organization meeting was held on November 10th. Program elements are planned to include live animals, Native American storytellers, "Dancing with Vultures," a humorous vulture skit, and singer-songwriter Jim Six.

\$257 will be billed to Mr. Pritchard for stone placed at Synnott's Pond.

- **Liaison (Scott Birkland):** Tommy Lombardo and Chris Newman will help to remove the Comey's Lake fountain for the winter.
- **Public Comment (Phil Kaerle):** Stone and other materials are free for the taking at the Public Works yard due to upcoming paving.

The borough will pursue a draining permit for Wenonah Lake to occur in the March timeframe in order to remove debris from the dam area. As always, assistance will be needed to collect wayward fish.

MEETING ADJOURNED (Motion: Kreck, Second: Birkland, AIF)