

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

March 10th, 2010

Rich Dilks called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:32 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	
Dave Kreck		X
Tommy Lombardo	X	
Chris Newman	X	

Associate Members Present: Frank Eggert, Chuck Forsman

Minutes of the January 13th meeting were approved. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Birkland, AIF)

BUSINESS

- **Chairman's Report:** Many trees have fallen in Comey's Lake as a result of recent snowstorms. Spring Work Party should focus there, using the Wenonah Lake rowboat as needed.

Spring Hike route will be set at the next meeting.

Kids' Hike preparation schedule was set: presentations at the school will happen on April 9th, with an April 23rd deadline for artwork and poems.

Frank's is purchasing 100, 3-year White Pine seedlings for \$170. They will arrive about April 6th and can be planted on the 10th. Spencer Hoffman has offered to help.

New Jersey Audobon is including our conservation area in their "Pinelands & Beyond" brochure and website. They are also offering trail marker(s) for our use; a decision doesn't have to be made right away.

Rich reviewed last week's Vulture Festival. Four VEE Grants were awarded, although not as a result of the planned outreach process. Bob suggested that the nighttime program be eliminated due to the expense and workload involved.

The planned lowering of Wenonah Lake for maintenance has been delayed until March 2011 due to an inability to secure the needed permits.

- **Council/Legal (Chuck Forsman):** The owners of Maple Ridge are still interested in selling the land to any entity interested in operating a nature park. Suzanne McCarthy of the South Jersey Land & Water Trust is interested in attending one of our meetings, but we don't necessarily need to invite tons of people.
- **Liaison (Scott Barnes):** Another wireless provider (Clear Wire) is interested in setting up antennae on the water tower, but they have not yet appeared before the Planning

Board.

- **Trail Maintenance (Frank Eggert):** On the Garden Trail, a tree that fell across one of the bridges remains to be dealt with. At Wenonah Lake, a work party is needed to move dirt to watery areas of the trail, and also to remove honeysuckle. After discussion, it was agreed to start at Wenonah Lake on the last Monday in March at 6 PM. Frank also wants to clean up pine trees along the railroad during a future work party.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:48 PM (Motion: Birkland, Second: Bevilacqua, AIF)