

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

July 14th, 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> |
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| Rich Dilks (Chair) | | X |
| Bob Bevilacqua (V. Chair) | X | |
| Scott Barnes (Sec. / Planning Bd. Rep.) | X | |
| Scott Birkland | X (7:37) | |
| Dave Kreck | | X |
| Tommy Lombardo | X | |
| Chris Newman | | X |

Associate Members Present: Frank Eggert, Chuck Forsman¹

Minutes of the June 9th meeting were approved with two corrections. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Forsman, AIF)

BUSINESS

- **Public Comment (Bill Klaus):** Some documents have already been submitted for the “Sustainable New Jersey” project. Some WEC activities could be submitted in several categories in the scoring system. Meetings held with WEC and borough staff.
- **Chairman’s Report:** A large brush pile is left behind from the well-attended June 14th Glen Trail work party. Bill Schnarr will try to get a chipper in there. Chuck noted that Council can appoint a person to a temporary job so they are properly covered by insurance; Tommy will investigate.

Christian Dugan and Julie Weikart won our Student Environmental Awards. Each received a \$75 check.

Scott Barnes reported on the Friends of Maple Ridge meeting held last evening. Two guests gave presentations. Tom Gilbert from the Trust for Public Land discussed how to research, craft, and campaign for conservation ballot measures. There is neither time nor political appetite to try again in Mantua Township for this year, but next year is a possibility. Paul Simmons from Lomax Consulting Group described his firm’s capabilities to develop a management plan for open space acquisitions. South Jersey Land & Water Trust will try to submit a Green Acres application for direct state funding prior to the July 30 deadline; state acquisition of the whole property is a long shot.

Tommy reported that the Summer Day Camp is set for August 9-10 with a similar schedule to last year.

Tommy also reported that the WEC budget was approved for the full \$3,500.

¹ Acting as Member to satisfy quorum.

- **Council / Legal (Chuck Forsman):** Comey's Lake has been dropping by up to ½" a day during the drought. This is being caused by a leak at the edge of the leveling dam. Bob will attempt to fix it this weekend. For now, the fountain has been shut down.
- **Trail Maintenance (Frank Eggert):** Frank does not believe that installing rails on the Mantua Creek Trail is a suitable scout project for Scott DeMuro (see *June*). Perhaps combating the serious erosion at Clay Hill would be more appropriate.

Frank has installed 4, 25-foot boardwalks across wet areas on the Breakback Run Trail.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:14 PM (Motion: Forsman, Second: Lombardo, AIF)