

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2011

Rich Dilks called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:39 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Wenonah 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	
Bill Klaus	X	
Dave Kreck	X	
Tommy Lombardo (Mayor)	X	
Chris Newman	X	

Associate Members Present: Mary Ellen Bush, Frank Eggert, Chuck Forsman
Minutes of the November 9th meeting were approved with one correction. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Lombardo, AIF)

BUSINESS

- **Chairman's Report:** It was decided to renew our ANJEC membership, but not to make an end-of-year donation. (Motion: Kreck, Second: Newman, AIF)

Although 2012 Recreational Trails Grant application forms were received, we have no plans to apply due to our recent award.

Bob plans to call a work party to back-fill the bulkhead on the Monongahela Loop Trail bridge.

Regarding the awarded Recreational Trails Grant for Eldridge Trail: Dave plans to meet with the DEP to negotiate the need for a Flood Hazard Individual Permit, which is hard to obtain. If the bridge work is scaled back to 50% or less, an easier Permit By Rule is required. In addition, a Wetlands Permit will be needed for the trail work. Project must be completed within 18 months. Council will need to bond the money; it is a reimbursement grant.

For the 1/9/2012 Moonlight Hike, we will start at the Garden Trail and proceed south and west to Mullens' on West Cedar.

Regarding budget matters: Dave will check about the price of jute mats for Clay Hill. Rich will check into purchasing two waders. It was agreed to request \$3,500 for the 2012 budget. (Motion: Kreck, Second: Newman, AIF)

It was agreed that WEC will again co-sponsor the East Coast Vulture Festival Children's Fair on the first Saturday in March.

At Maple Ridge, state officials will be doing a walk-through of the site on Monday at 3 PM. The possibility of state purchase is still in play.

- **Capital Projects (Dave Kreck):** The Comey's Lake pump station project will be carried out during February and March. The Lenape Drive trail entrance will be closed during this time.

Dave will be meeting with Alan Koch (county landscape architect) and Trisha Pitcher (Americorps Watershed Ambassador) on December 21st regarding the rain garden. There is no physical room at the school, but the school wants to be involved anyway.

- **Planning Board (Scott Barnes):** East Avenue Coffee has closed. In the adjacent space on East Avenue, the board has approved variances for DiTommaso's Italian Specialty, which will offer catered and take-out Italian desserts.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30 PM. (Motion: Kreck, Second: Lombardo, AIF)