

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2012

Rich Dilks called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:36 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at Wenonah Borough Hall.

<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: Frank Eggert, Chuck Forsman

Minutes of the February 8th meeting were approved. (Motion: Kreck, Second: Bevilacqua, AIF)

BUSINESS

- **Chairman's Report:** Rich received a lot boundary query from the owner of Block 36, Lot 5 on Mantua Avenue. Dave will create a superimposed map showing the lot lines.

Recreational Trails Grant Program is in trouble in Congress. It was agreed that Rich should send a letter to our senators stating that the WEC opposes the cuts. Scott will look up the latest status and report to the group.

Wenonah Home & School is requesting book donations of organizations including WEC. Unclear what sort of titles or how many they are looking for. Chris to follow up.

Had further discussion on the Capaldi and Lentz properties (*see February minutes*). Capaldi property would require a subdivision of Block 66.01, Lot 2.02. The owner is not supportive; it isn't worth it.

Lentz sons do not want further development to occur. Paper streets could be vacated, which would in effect prevent future subdivision, since there would be no street frontage. The simplest approach – and the one WEC will recommend – is for the Lentzes to insert a deed restriction stating that the parcel cannot not be subdivided.

Stone Pool Garden sign has been stolen by vandals. It was agreed to determine the cost for 2 or 3 replacement signs. Concrete should be used next time in the sign base.

March 17th work party at Clay Hill will be mainly coconut fiber mat installation. Also, would be useful to wheel compost from the borough's Garfield Ave. wood chip pile to Clay Hill. Meeting place will be the Community Center, not South Jackson Ave.

Public Works is doing preparatory work for the Wenonah Library Rain Garden project, such as removing ivy.

On Maple Ridge: South Jersey Land & Water Trust will approach the State regarding

Natural Resources Damages funds that have accumulated for the Mantua Creek Watershed. The Non-Resident Taxpayers Association will be donating \$50,000.

To accomplish the bank cutting of Woodbury-Glassboro Road (*see February minutes*) we would need only a road opening permit from the County.

- **Capital Projects (Dave Kreck):** As part of the borough's Green Acres application for Maple Ridge, Dave needed to compile a Recreation & Open Space Inventory (ROSI) for approval by the Planning Board. This encompasses all conservation land, the formal park, and the two sports fields. The land will be encumbered by Green Acres to prevent future non-recreational, non-conservation development. The ROSI document will be a useful resource even beyond this application.

Eldridge Trail bridge construction is slated for the fall. Permits are now underway. Bridge design is not finalized.

- **Trail Maintenance (Frank Eggert):** Frank proposed eventual work on the Garden Trail: stones to address a low spot and shrubbery installation.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:16 PM. (Motion: Kreck, Second: Forsman, AIF)