

# WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2012

Rich Dilks called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:40 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Wenonah Lake Pavilion.

<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 May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Newman, AIF)

### BUSINESS

- **Public Comment (Walker Green):** Mr. Green, of Boy Scout Troop 62 in Almonesson, proposed an Eagle Scout project encompassing several improvements to the Mantua Creek Trail near Mantua Avenue: an archway entrance, an information booth, a sitting bench, repairs to the existing steps, gravel in the muddy areas, more planks for same, and possibly added mulch. Bob feels the information booth could attract vandals and detract from the surrounding environment; the area is not intended to be a park. Rich feels the priority of any work should be to make the trail more accessible to the public. Walker believes manpower from his troop will not be a concern. He plans to start in September and work over several weekends. He will need to seek approval of the local scouting council.
- **Chairman's Report:** There have been no recent vandalism incidents. The Stone Pool wall is almost fully cemented together.

There has been no word from the school regarding the student environmental award winners.

Frank wishes to hold a work party for the bridge at the north end of Wenonah Lake. There is a fallen tree which has caused debris to back up in the stream. It will be held on Tuesday, 6/19 at 6:30 PM.

Duckweed has been observed at Dilk's Pond for the first time. 200 goldfish were released into Comey's Lake on 6/5. The cost was more than expected: \$300 less a \$64 refund.

Maple Ridge preservation is being held up by discussions over State versus County funding levels. Public fundraising has been very active over the past month; the total now stands at approximately \$109,000 up from \$75,000 a month ago.

Bob Pritchard is concerned about the trail at Synnott's Pond getting overgrown. It is jewelweed, which should be easy to remove.

- **Trail Maintenance (Frank Eggert):** Eventually, a work party will be needed on the Breakback Run Trail near Elm Avenue to remove a fallen tree. The trail is easily passable now.
- **Liaison (Scott Barnes):** The Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia and other groups are proposing an ambitious regional network of multi-use trails (new and existing) totaling 750 miles. Of interest to us is that the proposed passenger rail line (Glassboro-Camden Line) for the first time has a proposed trail running alongside it, right through the center of Wenonah. It is not clear how there would be enough space to support such a trail next to two active tracks, nor is it clear how the trail would cross Mantua Creek. Scott will try to obtain more information from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, which produced the map of proposed trails.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:34 PM. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Barnes, AIF)