

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2012

Rich Dilks called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 6:34 PM in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Comey's Lake Tea House.

<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 (*acting as Members to satisfy quorum*)
Minutes of the August 8 meeting were approved. (Motion: Lombardo, Second: Forsman, AIF)

BUSINESS

- **Chairman's Report:** Two black gum trees on the Eldridge Trail were cut down by vandals some time this year. It appears a chainsaw was used.

Chuck developed an information sheet about the conservation lands for schoolkids. Rich will take it to the school to have them copy and distribute it.

On the Wenonah Library Rain Garden: Scott suggested buying small signs to identify the plants, as Heather MacGregor mentioned last month.

Food & Water Watch wishes us to sign a second open letter (*see August minutes*). This letter asks the Delaware River Basin Commission to make permanent its ban on hydraulic fracturing in the river's watershed. By a voice vote, it was decided to sign this second letter. (Motion: Eggert, Second: Forsman, AIF)

The Comey's Lake dam is still holding its own.

Activities for the Fall Work Party on November 3rd were discussed. Possibilities include: jewelweed removal and other cleanup activities at Synnott's Pond, and permanent plantings at Garden Trail Bridge #6.

It was decided to put a WEC table at the Harvest Craft Fair on September 29th. Tommy and Scott can help. Others will be asked via email.

The surface growth on Dilks Pond was discussed. It seems to be duckweed, not algae. Chuck said that chemical treatment would cost \$8,500 a year. It was decided to defer this issue until spring.

The status of Walker Green's Eagle Scout project on Mantua Creek Trail is unknown. Neither Rich nor Frank have had any recent contact with Walker.

Spending of the borough budget balance (\$2,665) was discussed. Dave should see if this money can be used to supplement the Eldridge Trail project.

- **Council/Legal (Chuck Forsman):** Joe Saville is willing to take the lead on Comey's Lake fountain installation and removal. He has been performing the electrical work since the beginning.
- **Planning Board (Scott Barnes):** The board considered whether to allow the subdivision of a flag-shaped lot at the end of North Stockton Avenue owned by the McFadden family. Two residential lots would be created versus the one currently existing. This is one of the last undeveloped residential parcels in town. The subdivision was approved.
- **Trail Maintenance (Frank Eggert):** The white pine trees planted in the last two years have had a very low survival rate. Frank is not aware of any that survived this year.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:36 PM. (Motion: Forsman, Second: Lombardo, AIF)