

WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2014

Rich Dilks called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:33 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 Member Present: Frank Eggert¹

Minutes of the Dec. 11, 2013 meeting were approved. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Barnes, AIF)

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Daniel Ceravolo:** Daniel wishes to earn a citizenship merit badge and is looking for an 8-hour project. Bob suggested a springtime group project to put stone underneath the Synnott's Pond Trail bridge nearest Elm Avenue. This bridge is now being undermined at an alarming rate. Daniel will pursue this project.

REORGANIZATION

- **Officers:** Scott Barnes as Chair and Planning Board Representative, Bob Bevilacqua as Vice-Chair, Rich Dilks as Secretary. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Eggert, AIF)
- Rich will chair the remainder of this meeting, and Scott will provide minutes.
- Rich will check with the Borough if any members require swearing-in.
- Maria Ceravolo was invited to be an Associate Member, and accepted.

BUSINESS

- **Chairman's Report:** ANJEC membership for 2014 is due at \$290. We will wait until more members are present before deciding whether or not to renew.

For the Moonlight Hike on Friday, 1/17, it was decided to start at the Glen Trail, turn right, and end at Mantua Avenue. Scott will publicize.

Rich reviewed the 2014 activities calendar that he had already submitted to the Borough. It was agreed to keep all events as scheduled.

Regarding Synnott's Pond: Bob said it would be necessary to put down stone to allow equipment to enter behind Pritchard's property. The cost would be \$4,000 to \$4,500. We will need to make an appeal to Council for a one-year increase, since Rich's submitted budget requested only \$2,000 for this project. Maria said that Camelback Run (downstream of Synnott's) is washing out behind her house. Rich will take photos of the area. Bob will ask Dave whether the remaining trails grant money could be applied to

¹Acting as Member to satisfy quorum requirement.

this project.

Regarding the bulkhead extension at Clay Hill: Bob and Dave will need to collaborate. Costs at this point are unknown.

Rich reported that the Nature Club's Executive Board is unwilling to go forward with a Vulture Festival due to insufficient manpower. There is an idea to create a "late winter festival" for 2015.

The Fairmount Park seed collection process will begin with an initial meeting in the spring.

- **Capital Projects (Bob Bevilacqua):** Bob is transplanting holly seedlings to the Lenape Trail pump station area.
- **Trail Maintenance (Frank Eggert):** Frank is accumulating plantings for the West Willow trail entrance.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:16 PM. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Barnes, AIF)