

# WENONAH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes  
October 8, 2014

Chairman Scott Barnes called the Wenonah Environmental Commission to order at 7:33 in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act at the Wenonah Community Center.

<b>ROLL CALL</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Scott Barnes (Chair. / Planning Bd. Rep.)	X	
Maria Ceravolo	X	
Bob Bevilacqua (V. Chair)	X	
Rich Dilks (Sec.)	X	
Dave Kreck	X	
Tommy Lombardo (Mayor)	X	
Chris Newman		X

**Associate Members Present:** Julie Ream

**Public Guests Present:** Jack Lerner, Maddie Kreck, Girl Scouts Emily Sabetta and Emily Duer, Girl Scout leaders Elaine Sabetta and Kathy Peek.

Minutes of the September 10 meeting were approved. (Motion: Kreck, Second: Bevilacqua AIF)

## **Presentations by Public Guests**

Jack Lerner gave his final report on the kayak launch project, indicating the project was successfully completed. He presented paper work on the costs and materials used and requested the WEC sign off on the project for submission to the Eagle Council. A motion was made and approved to do so. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Kreck, AIF)  
Chairman Barnes then signed the document.

Girl Scouts Emily Sabetta and Emily Duer addressed the Commission. They are working toward a Silver Award and are offering 50 hours of volunteer service. They also said they are seeking a sponsor on the Commission for a project this fall. For possible projects they suggested clearing trash and debris from a creek or stream, removing trash from the trail, a scavenger hunt with a nature theme, tree identification signs and a flier. Maria agreed to be the sponsor. They will present more detailed project plans to the WEC at the Nov. meeting.

Maddie Kreck reported to the WEC that her "Young Person's Guide to the Conservation Area" is nearing completion. After a brief discussion she said it would be organized by subject rather than season. The completed document could be up loaded to the WEC web site as a pdf. The printed version would be a small sized booklet, easy to carry.

## **Chairman's Report: Scott Barnes**

Scott reported the 9/19 work party removed the trash from the unauthorized encampment on Mantua Creek Trail and also removed the large fallen tree limb on the Glen Trail.

Bob and Maria reported on the 9/20 Boy Scout work party led by Daniel Ceravolo at the foot bridge site at the former Synnott's Pond. 9 scouts and several adults participated. They laid stone and filled and placed cement sand bags to control erosion. More work at the site is needed and it will be the focus of the 11/1 fall work party.

## **Current Business**

Bob indicated an additional bulkhead will be needed on Camels Back Run at the foot bridge site. Lumber would cost about \$200. Dave said he would attempt to get funding from the remaining trail grant balance for the lumber and for additional erosion matting.

Dave also said he will hold off on purchasing the concrete fabric discussed last month. He voiced concerns about chemical reactions from putting concrete in to waterways.

Rich reported on Princeton Hydro's duckweed control activities at Dilks Pond and Comey's Lake. The last treatment by PH took place on 9/12. Both bodies remain in good condition. The final installment on our contract came due in September and payment from our budget is being processed. It was agreed the treatments worked well and the WEC will consider contracting again with PH next year. Bob noted the fountain still needs to be stored for the winter.

Tommy reported he has packed the eroded areas at the Garden Trail bridge with stream gravel and the site is now in good condition.

The WEC decided to participate in the Harvest Fair on Oct. 18 in Wenonah Park. Bob will provide a table, Dave will provide materials on composting and rain barrels and Tommy will bring a composting display and rain barrel. Rich will bring a photo board, trail guides and old conservation area signs.

The fall work party will be on Sat. 11/1. We will work at the Synnott's Pond site laying stone and placing cement sand bags and possibly erosion matting. People should bring wheelbarrows, shovels and boots.

Wenonah Clean Communities Day is 11/15. The WEC plans to volunteer and have at least 10 people sign on to make us eligible for funding. Alternately, Bob picked up an application from the county CC office and we could do our own activity at a different date.

Bob reported he expects restoration work to begin at the Synnott's Pond dam site in late Nov. or Dec. Heavy equipment will be needed to break and move the concrete, gabions will need to be installed and the bridge to be repositioned. He estimates the cost to be \$4,000 to \$4,500.

Scott proposed we undertake a trail survey. The last one was done 5 years ago. It was decided that late winter or spring would be an appropriate time for the survey.

Rich reported the proposed GCNC late winter festival is still in the very early planning stages with no details set. The nature club will ask members to form a committee to begin serious planning later this fall.

Dave reported the Borough's current street repaving project is now complete.

It was noted that Maria needs to be sworn in as a commission member. That will be done at the WEC Nov. meeting.

Rich reported the FWT account balance was \$8,800.35. The only account activity was a deposit of \$15 from trail guide sales.

Scott said there was no Planning Board activity to report. He also noted the federal government has withdrawn funding for the required environmental study for the Camden-Glassboro light rail. The project will be delayed until other funding is found.

Julie Ream reported that some boards on the Green's Lake bog walk are deteriorating and need to be replaced. Dave said he will investigate if any trail grant monies could be used for this.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:25 PM. (Motion: Bevilacqua, Second: Lombardo, AIF)

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Rich Dilks, Sec.