

Approved 10/10/19

STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

**Minutes: Regular Meeting
September 12, 2019**

RECEIVED

OCT 11 2019

STANHOPE
BOROUGH

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 7:45PM by Vice-Chairperson Nicole Member with flag salute.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE: In compliance with the New Jersey Assembly Bill No. 1030, notice for this meeting was sent to the *New Jersey Herald* and the *Daily Record* on January 10, 2019 and was posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on the same day.

ROLL CALL: Present: Owen Newson, Nicole Member, Michael Balogh
Absent: John Rogalo, Anthony Riccardi

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 8, 2019 minutes were approved. Motion made by Mike Balogh and seconded by Nicole Member. (UC)

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received:

8/16/19 Dana Mooney, CFO: 2020 Budget Request

Sent:

None

CURRENT ACTIVITY:

As requested by CFO Dana Mooney, the EC discussed their budget needs for 2020. It was agreed that the budget amounts for 2020 would remain the same as 2019 for each line item. The EC requested that Owen review past minutes and double check the accuracy of the amount spent in 2019 for the line item: Ad/Outreach. The listed amount spent was \$60.83.

Clean Communities: Sunday, October 20, 2019 from 12:30-3:30. Nicole will send out mailers to Stanhope non-profits pending the approval of the \$200 clean community grants. Nicole will ask Dana for more black bags and gloves for clean-up. Mike will contact Bell's to see if they would like to host volunteers as they have in the past. Owen will contact the local chapter of the Sierra Club to see if they would like to participate. Registration site will be Valley Road School. We will clean Valley Road School trails, Salmon Park, Furnace Pond and basketball courts. Nicole reported on some ideas for a

CURRENT ACTIVITY (Cont.):

Clean Communities program in the Spring at Valley Road School. She will seek the Finance Committee's approval for the program's expense.

Facebook: Topic for the Month: Nicole will ask Brian to post information on the Spotted Lantern Fly and our clean-up for Oct. 20.

Open Space Plan Committee: No movement

Trail Maintenance: The EC discussed the Spring ANJEC grant that will be offered in 2020. We will apply for trail maintenance at the Valley Road School. We should start gathering information now for grant submission.

Volunteer: Owen Best: Mr. Newson reported that Owen worked 2 hours cleaning the slope behind the Deli at Furnace Pond. Mr. Newson has a signed waiver from parents who contacted EC to request community service hours for Owen. Thanks to John's networking, Owen also has an opportunity to receive hours from the Musconetcong Lake Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lakeside Park plantings: Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019. Based on an information request from Brian McNeilly, Mike will email our past power point presentation on the project for his review.

Furnace Pond Trails/DEP approval: The EC reviewed the letter composed by Owen to Mayor and Council on the permitting process at the proposed Furnace Pond Park. It was agreed that Owen would submit the letter to Ellen (clerk) and request a date in which the EC could speak to the letter with Mayor and Council. We are hoping for an October meeting with Council.

Invasive Plant Species workshop: Nicole is seeking a May date at Waterloo Village. We will sponsor the workshop in cooperation with the Byram EC.

Lutheran Church easement: No movement.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

BILLS:

None

LIAISON REPORTS:

Board of Health: Minutes: 6/12/19 No comment.

Mayor and Council:

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:

Land Use Board:

Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society:

Musconetcong Sewage Authority: Mike and Nicole reported that a sewage smell was quite strong at "Crunch" the other day. A discussion of why was held.

LIAISON REPORTS (Cont.):

Recreation Commission: Nicole suggested that the Recreation Commission in Stanhope could help us with trail maintenance issues. She said that in Byram, the Rec. Comm. works with the EC.

Shade Tree Commission:

Plaster Mill:

Water Quality:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM with a motion by Mike Balogh and a second by Nicole Member (UC)

Respectfully submitted,
Owen Newson, Secretary

