

STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Minutes: Regular Meeting

November 14, 2024

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 7:35PM by John Rogalo 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 11, 2024 and was posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on the same day.

ROLL CALL: Present: Nicole Member (8:00PM), Owen Newson, Rick Jacob,
John Rogalo, Rudy Shlesinger
Absent: Michael Balogh, Anthony Riccardi

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The October 10, 2024, minutes were approved.

Motion made by Rick Jacob and seconded by John Rogalo (MC)

Abstention: Rudy Shlesinger

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Stanhope residents Rich Perry and his son Tyler Perry were present at the meeting. They inquired about a possible Eagle Scout project for Tyler that the Environmental Commission might recommend. The EC said they would take this under consideration.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received:

None

Sent:

None

Motion to receive correspondence: Owen Newson Second: John Rogalo (UC)

CURRENT ACTIVITY:

MSA Field Trip: The EC asked Mr. Perry(see Public Discussion) if he thought the Scouts would be interested in this field trip. Mr. Perry will check with scouts and get back to us.

Sussex County Grant implementation: No movement

Green Team: No movement

Clean Communities: 4/27/25 Owen said he received permission from the Council to purchase a shed with Clean Communities money. The shed is on order from Amish Mike's and a purchase order has been issued from CFO Angelica Sabatini.

Facebook: Topic for Month: Cub Scout service project at Lakeside Park. Owen will send Nicole the picture.

CURRENT ACTIVITY (Cont.):

Open Space Plan Committee: John stated that they are meeting tomorrow at Noon. Jake Hamilton, Lake Hopatcong Superintendent, will be attending guest.

Discussion was also held regarding the “tire dump” as potential open space.

Trail Maintenance: No movement

Trex Recycling: No movement.

OLD BUSINESS:

Furnace Pond Park/Permitting: No movement

Lakeside Park plantings: Completed. EC will check in Spring for plants that have died and look to replace.

Lutheran Church Trail easement: No movement.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

BILLS:

None

LIAISON REPORTS:

Board of Health:

Mayor and Council:

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board: *Rudy stated that the shed for the Lake planning board needs renovation.*

Land Use Board:

Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society:

MWA/Musconetcong River Management Council:

Musconetcong Sewage Authority:

Recreation Commission:

Shade Tree Commission: *Nicole stated that a new forester has been appointed.*

Plaster Mill:

Water Quality:

Friends of Furnace Pond: *John inquired whether or not Friends of Furnace Pond has a non-profit status. Owen stated they do not. John will investigate a possible way to do this without fees.*

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm with a motion by Rick Jacob and a second by Rudy Shlesinger. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,
Owen Newson, Secretary

