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**STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

Minutes: Regular Meeting  
April 11, 2024

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** at 7:32PM by Owen Newson 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 (8:00), Owen Newson, Rudy Shlesinger, John Rogalo, Rick Jacob, Anthony Riccardi  
Absent: Michael Balogh

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The March 14, 2024 minutes were approved.

Motion made by Rudy Shlesinger and seconded by Rick Jacobs (MC)

Abstention: Anthony Riccardi

**OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Received:**

None

**Sent:**

None

**CURRENT ACTIVITY:**

**ANJEC Grant:** The EC grant application was discussed. We are applying for monies to remove invasives and plant natives. Targeted areas include: 4 borough signs, Lakeland Park, Musconetcong Park, borough well on Continental Drive. A list of native plants to purchase will be included in application. We will use the list from our last purchase of native plants for Lakeland Park. Owen will work on the application with Millenium.

**MSA Field Trip:** No movement.

**Sussex County Grant implementation:** No movement

**Green Team:** Anthony stated that he was filling out the paperwork for the borough to become a member of Sustainable NJ. This will allow us to create our Green Team.

**Clean Communities:** Sunday, April 21, 2024, 1-4 PM Owen will bring card tables and chairs. Nicole will bring clean-up supplies from borough shed. Anthony will bring water. John will bring tent. Owen will check with Mike about missing banners. In other news, we are still waiting to hear from Valley Road School which day is best for Clean Communities program. No movement on shed or poster contest.

**Facebook: Topic for Month:** Will remain the same as last month.

**Open Space Plan Committee:** No movement.

**Trail Maintenance:** No movement on tool purchase.

**Trex Recycling:** No movement.

**MWA/Musconetcong River Management Council:** No movement.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Furnace Pond Park/Permitting:** John walked with zoning officer, Tom Dixon, at the Tannery property. They will check for property line stakes and measure to see if there is a property violation of borough property. This borough property is important for completion of the trails at Furnace Pond.

**Lakeside Park plantings:** No movement

**Lutheran Church Trail easement:** No movement.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**BILLS:**

None

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

Board of Health:

Mayor and Council:

**Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:** Rudy reported that new harvester is ready for delivery. Also, Board is shopping for a new backhoe.

**Land Use Board:** John stated that at 6 Summit Avenue, 23 trees were cut down and they were approved for removal of only 16 trees. Also, Tannery child care center was shut down by borough, but continues to operate.

**Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society:**

**Musconetcong Sewage Authority:** Anthony reported there are new EPA guidelines for PFAS. Allowable amount has changed from 14 down to 4 per trillion. This will be difficult and costly to adhere to.

**Recreation Commission:**

**Shade Tree Commission:** Nicole stated that the commission will conduct a hazardous tree survey with forester.

**Plaster Mill:**

**Water Quality:**

**Friends of Furnace Pond:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Anthony Riccardi and a second by John Rogalo. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,  
Owen Newson, Secretary