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STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Minutes: Regular Meeting
August 13, 2020

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 7:41PM by Mike Balogh 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 9, 2020 and was posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on the same day.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 12, 2020 minutes were approved. Motion made by Anthony Riccardi and seconded by Owen Newson. (MC) Abstention: Mike Balogh

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received:

3/23/20 Brian McNeilly, Letter of Support: ANJEC Open Space grant

6/2/20 PSEG: Notification of application for DEP Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit

Sent:

7/29/20 Email to Councilman Ray Cipollini: EC update

CURRENT ACTIVITY:

Musconetcong Watershed Association: Storm Water Presentation: Owen will contact Kyle Richter of the Musconetcong Watershed Association to see if we can reschedule his stormwater presentation. Due to Covid concerns, his presentation has been on hold.

Clean Communities: Since our Spring clean-up was cancelled due to Covid, the EC decided to schedule a Fall clean-up for Sunday, October 11, from 1-3PM. A raindate is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 18th. We hope to schedule a shredding event for Saturday, October 10. Nicole will check with Brian McNeilly and Dana Mooney to confirm the scheduled dates.

Facebook: Topic for the Month: Anthony will post information about the invasive Lantern Fly.

Open Space Plan Committee: No movement.

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CURRENT ACTIVITY (CONT.)

Trail Maintenance: ANJEC Grant/*Millenium*: Notice was received that ANJEC has chosen not to fund our grant application for maintenance of the Tri-Community Trail. Mike stated that currently, in addition to the needed maintenance, a tree is down and blocking the trail. It was noted that this is Board of Education property.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lakeside Park plantings: No movement. The EC decided that we should invite the mayor to our next meeting to update her on our projects and concerns which include: Lakeside Park plantings, Open Space Committee, Furnace Pond Trails, Lutheran Church trail easement, and the Plaster Mill. Owen will contact the Mayor.

Furnace Pond Trails/DEP approval: No movement.

Invasive Plant Species workshop: Nicole reported that the Byram EC is holding Invasive Specie events on Sept. 26th and Oct. 3rd. The Stanhope EC is invited to participate. Nicole would like to get the Go Green Club at LVRHS involved with these events. She stated that our own commission might possibly fund an invasive specie workshop at the high school. She stated she will contact Rachel Stroder, advisor of the Go Green Club.

Lutheran Chuch easement: No movement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on the proposed Mt. Olive development for Love Lane and Continental Drive by the Stanhope Union Cemetery.

BILLS:

\$14.70 for NJ Herald meetings notification. Motion to pay by Owen Newson and seconded by Nicole Member. (UC)

LIAISON REPORTS:

Board of Health:

Mayor and Council: Anthony reported that Mayor Patty Zdichocki chose Nicole Member as Co-Chair of the Stanhope Clean Communities program.

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:

Land Use Board:

Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society:

Musconetcong Sewage Authority:

Recreation Commission:

Shade Tree Commission:

Plaster Mill:

Water Quality:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32PM with a motion by Anthony Riccardi and a second by Mike Balogh. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,
Owen Newson, Secretary

