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STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

**Minutes: Regular Meeting
August 9, 2018**

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 7:35PM 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 11, 2018 and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on the same day.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

July 12, 2018 minutes were approved. Motion made by Anthony Riccardi and seconded by Nicole Member Abstention: Michael Balogh (MC)

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Mr. David Patino of 20 Main Street (Tannery) in Stanhope attended the meeting. He is interested in becoming a member of the commission and wanted to observe a meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received:

7/27/18 Dana Mooney CFO: 2019 Budget request

Sent:

None

CURRENT ACTIVITY:

Clean Communities: Discussion was held on the feasibility of a tri-town (Stanhope, Netcong, Byram) clean-up day in the Spring. No decision was made.

Lutheran Church Easement: Nothing to report

Facebook Topic of the Month: Rain gardens will be this month's topic. Nicole will notify Brian to post on borough Facebook page.

Open Space Plan committee: Nothing to report. EC will send a letter to Council next month inquiring next steps if we do not hear anything regarding details this month.

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CURRENT ACTIVITY (Cont.)

Trail Maintenance Day: Sunday, Nov. 4th, 12:30-3:30; rain date Sunday, Nov. 18th. Since we have not heard from Council regarding approval, Owen will send a letter to Council requesting approval for the maintenance of the trail from the Basketball courts to the Tannery. Owen will include in the letter pictures of maintenance needed and the need for a professional tree service to cut fallen trees on trail. It is planned that invasives will be removed and replaced with native plantings. Wood chips will also be spread on trail. Nicole reported that the Shade Tree Commission would like to join the EC in our effort.

Invasive Plant Species Workshop: Nicole would like to have a workshop on this topic in the Fall (possibly early October). She has contacted the *NJ Invasive Species Task Force*. They will give a presentation for \$200 which includes a talk, but also a hike for attendees to learn to identify various invasive species. The EC thought the high school auditorium might be a good place for the presentation. It would be open to the public and take place during the day so the *LVRHS Go Green Club* could attend. Nicole will contact Rachel Strodel, advisor to the *Go Green Club*, for input.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lakeside Park plantings: No movement

Furnace Pond Trails/DEP approval: No movement

NEW BUSINESS:

The EC 2019 proposed budget was discussed. The total amount requested remains the same as last year (\$1225.00) However, certain line item amounts have been changed. Office Supplies has been reduced to \$75. (a reduction of \$25) Also Advertising and Outreach has been reduced to \$100. (a reduction of \$25) Professional Training and Dues has been increased to \$350 (an increase of \$50) All other line item amounts remain the same as last year. The budget was submitted for approval.

BILLS:

None

LIAISON REPORTS:

Board of Health:

Mayor and Council:

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:

Land Use Board:

Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society:

Musconetcong Sewage Authority:

Recreation Commission:

Shade Tree Commission:

LIAISON REPORTS (Cont.)

Plaster Mill:

Water Quality:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM. Motion by Mike Balogh and seconded by Anthony Riccardi. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,
Owen Newson, Secretary

