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STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Minutes: Regular Meeting
December 10, 2020

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 7:36PM 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, Nicole Member, John Rogalo
Anthony Riccardi, Mike Balogh
Absent: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November 12, 2020 minutes were approved. Motion made by Nicole Member and seconded by John Rogalo. (UC)

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

The EC would like to welcome Rudy Shlesinger of 1 Coursen Street, Stanhope, as a new member of the commission. Rudy will begin his term in January 2021. Rudy has come today to introduce himself and observe the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received:

NJ Forest Service Nursery: Tree Seedling Order Form

Mayor Patty Zdichocki: Season's Greetings card

12/3/20 ANJEC: 2021 Membership and dues

12/3/20 PSEG: App. for an Extension of Freshwater Wetlands General Permit Number 1

Sent:

11/9/20 Email to Mayor regarding Open Space Plan funding

11/13/20 Letter to Land Use Board re: Juntos Holdings, LLC

11/20/20 Letter to DEP Commissioner McCabe re: lowering of Lake Mus.

12/1/20 Email to Stanhope BOE re: fallen tree on Tri-Community Trail

CURRENT ACTIVITY:

The Tree Seedling order form from the NJ Forest Service Nursery was discussed. Nicole will examine possible purchases either for public distribution or for replacing invasives at Furnace Pond.

Dec. 15th Council Meeting: EC requests: Discussion was held on this upcoming meeting. We will all try to attend. Mike has already sent a copy to Mayor and Council of the power point presentation on the plantings proposed at Lakeside Park. Also, Mike has

CURRENT ACTIVITY (Cont.)

sent the proposed trail map plan for Furnace Pond Park to Mayor and Council. Topics for discussion will be Furnace Pond DEP permit application, Lakeside Park plantings, Lutheran Church trail easement and updating the borough Open Space Plan.

Plaque: Bell's Mansion: The EC would like to award Bell's Mansion a plaque to honor their efforts in support of the Clean Communities Program. We would like to present the plaque at the borough Re-org. meeting on Jan. 12th. It was agreed the plaque would read: *In Appreciation to Bell's Mansion for supporting the Environmental Commission and the Clean Communities Program of Stanhope, NJ. "Thanks Jack and Maria"*. It was agreed the plaque would include the borough logo and cost approximately \$50.

Clean Communities: 4/25/21: No movement

Facebook: Topic for month: The EC agreed to post public service announcements from the Go Green Club of LVRHS. Nicole will follow up.

Open Space Plan Committee: We will discuss this with Council on Dec. 15th.

Trail Maintenance: 11/7/21: No movement.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lakeside Park plantings: We will discuss this with Council on Dec. 15th.

Furnace Pond Trails/DEP approval: We will discuss this with Council on Dec. 15th.

Invasive Plant Species workshop: Nicole discussed the possibility of giving a walk/talk presentation on invasives at Furnace Pond on Clean-Up Day. Invasives would be pulled and replaced with native plantings.

Lutheran Church easement: We will discuss this with Council on Dec. 15th.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

BILLS:

None

LIAISON REPORTS:

Board of Health: 10/14/20 minutes reviewed. Nothing to report.

Mayor and Council: Owen commented that he believes Stanhope has the best Borough Christmas Tree in the area.

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 8:50PM with a motion by John Rogalo and a second by Owen Newson. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,

Owen Newson, Secretary

