

Approved 1/11/18



STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

**Minutes: Regular Meeting
December 14, 2017**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 7:40PM 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 12, 2017 and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on the same day.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November 9, 2017 minutes were approved. Motion made by John Rogalo and seconded by Owen Newson. Abstentions: Mike Balogh, Anthony Riccardi (MC)

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received:

11/27/17 Township of Mt. Olive/Notification of Ordinance

11/28/17 Ellen Horak/Mayor's Appointment to EC

11/30/17 League of Conservation Voters/ *Environmental Agenda '18: NJ's Conservation Roadmap*

11/30/17 Land Use Board/ Site Plan and Subdivision Applications: Singh/Blk 11703/Lot 1&2

Sent:

None

CURRENT ACTIVITY:

EC Attendance Tally for 2017 was distributed and reviewed.

Anthony Riccardi was welcomed as a new member of the Environmental Commission. Anthony was sworn in at the last Council meeting and attends today as an official member.

CURRENT ACTIVITY (Continued):

Discussion was held on the correspondence from Mt. Olive Township regarding a new ordinance that allows planned unit residential development on the BASF parcel in the Trade Zone. The following concerns were noted:

1. According to Stanhope's Water Protection Plan completed in 2016, this high density residential development will take place within the well head protection area of Stanhope's municipal wells 3 and 4 negatively impacting groundwater recharge.
2. This high density residential development will be in the proximity of the Musconetcong River and will contribute to increased run-off contaminants.
3. This high density residential development will negatively impact Allamuchy State Park by a degradation of scenic views.

The EC requested that Owen write a letter to Mayor and Council to alert them of our concerns noted above.

Clean Communities update: Our Spring Clean-Up will be held on Sunday, April 22nd from 1-3 PM. We will focus on three sites: Valley Road School trails, Furnace Pond trails, and the new sidewalk area from Acorn to Dell Road. This year, we will have only one registration location and that will be at Lakeside Park. Green Vision (E-waste) and a borough shredder will be available that weekend at the DPW yard. Owen noted that we will need more bags and gloves. Nicole reported that LVRHS Go Green Club has been notified of the date.

New Trail Focus: Lutheran Church easement: Nicole reported that Brian McNeilly has sent the information needed for the church to consider the potential easement.

Tree Plaque: Lorraine Bender: Owen will construct a suitable display marker for the plaque for installation.

Facebook: Topic for Month: "Keep Firewood Local" was suggested as a topic. Nicole will notify administrator McNeilly.

Eagle Scout Project/ Park deck and stair entrance: The EC decided it would be best to give a presentation on this project to Mayor and Council. Owen will contact Ellen Horak (Clerk) to set-up a date for the presentation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lakeside Park plantings: Mike and John will create a site plan of specific specie plantings, the number of plantings, and spacing for review by Mayor and Council. Target planting date will be in April.

Furnace Pond Trails/DEP approval: No movement

NEW BUSINESS:

None

BILLS:

\$125.00 for secretarial services was submitted by Owen. Motion for payment made by Mike Balogh and seconded by Nicole Member. (UC)

LIAISON REPORTS:

Board of Health:

Mayor and Council:

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:

Land Use Board: Singh/Blk 11703/Lot 1&2 revised Site Plan and Subdivision application was discussed and reviewed by EC. No comment.

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 9:17PM. Motion by Owen Newson and seconded by Anthony Riccardi. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,
Owen Newson, Secretary