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**Minutes: Regular Meeting
February 11, 2016**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 7:50PM by Chairperson 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 19, 2016 and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on the same day.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 14, 2016 minutes were approved. Motion made by Owen Newson and seconded by Jason Heymer. Abstained: Nicole Member (MC)

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Mayor Roe Maio and Councilwoman Pat Zdichocki requested that the EC focus their Spring Clean-Up at the state park property at Lake Musconetcong by the Enrite gas station. EC agreed to use the park as one staging area for the clean-up. EC suggested that the park might be candidate for ANJEC grant money. Mayor Maio stated that the park is leased by the borough and would need SHPO approval, due to the presence of the Morris Canal lock, before any activity, other than clean-up, took place. She stated that another organization has asked to make improvements at the park, but due to Stanhope's current status with DEP, she felt it would be best that only a clean-up take place at this time. She asked that a member of the EC report to Council at the March 8 Council meeting to state our plans regarding clean-up at the park. John said he would attend the March 8th meeting and give a report. A motion to the same was made by Nicole Member and seconded by Jason Heymer. (UC)

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received:

New Jersey Conservation Foundation: Land Cons. Rally Conference: 3/18/16
1/15/16 PSEG: NJDEP permit for vegetative maintenance
1/22/16 Daily Record: Affidavit of Publication
NJ Herald: Affidavit of Publication
1/28/16 ANJEC: 2016 Membership benefits

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CURRENT ACTIVITY:

Nicole Member received the Oath of Allegiance and Office for her new term.

No decision was made regarding application for 2016 ANJEC Open Space grant.

Clean Communities Day is scheduled for Sunday, April 24, 2016 from 1-3PM. We will have two staging areas: Park at the lake (Enrite station) and Valley Road School. Nicole will create flyer and letter to non-profits. She will double check with Dana regarding the amount of Clean Communities funds available. Owen will register with Brian McNeilly for Nixle announcement and use of DPW's electronic sign. Motion made by Owen Newson and seconded by John Rogalo. (UC)

Regarding the State Tree Nursery 3rd grade tree seedling offer, Mike stated that he got the OK from the school for participation. John will assist Mike in delivery of seedlings to school.

Stanhope Day will be held June 12. Jason stated that he ordered and received pamphlets and brochures on various environmental topics from state DEP. He showed us samples at the meeting. Materials will be ready for distribution from EC table on Stanhope Day. John stated he would contact county Watershed Ambassador to see if they can attend and give demonstrations on Stanhope Day. Nicole will check out the cost of purchasing a pop-up tent for use by EC on Stanhope Day and other community events.

OLD BUSINESS:

John spoke with John Trontis of Parks about our need for DEP trail approval at Furnace Pond. Mr. Trontis said he would get the "right people" to come to Stanhope and visit the site sometime in March.

Mount Olive/Stanhope trial grant: Inquiries of grant money allocation by Mt. Olive are still being made by Brian McNeilly. No answer at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nicole discussed with EC suggested environmental programs for the students at Valley Road School. She stated that we currently have \$1,025 in clean communities monies. EC requested that Nicole pick the program she thinks will be the best fit. In addition, Nicole suggested that a future school program/activity could be a "Scavenger Hunt for Trees." She stated that the EC and Shade Tree commissions could sponsor the activity. She will speak with Paula Murphy of Shade Tree and investigate feasibility of program. Also, Nicole stated borough treasurer, Dana Mooney, would like to see Clean Communities funds spent on a program for seniors, possibly a recycling program. Nicole suggested a possible program could be held at Bell's Mansion restaurant.

BILLS:

NJ Herald meeting notice: \$12.90. Motion for payment made by John Rogalo and seconded by Jason Heymer. (UC)

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:

Plaster Mill:

Water Quality:

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM. Motion by John Rogalo and seconded by Nicole Member. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,
Owen Newson, Secretary

