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STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Minutes: Regular Meeting
July 8, 2021

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 7:37PM by Owen Newson 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 14, 2021 and was posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on the same day.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 10, 2021 minutes were approved. Motion made by John Rogalo and seconded by Nicole Member. Abstention: Anthony Riccardi (MC)

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Dana Mooney CFO attended the meeting to discuss various recycling opportunities. She reminded the EC that we need to use the yearly federal recycling grant of \$5,000-7,000. She suggested we go to Terracycle.com where they post different recycling ideas. Specialized recycling includes: cigarette butts, coffee capsules. Specialized collecting containers can be purchased as well from Terracycle. She reminded the EC, that we need to find ways to distribute the Stanhope Borough canvas bags. She suggested we advertise on the borough website.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received:

None

Sent:

None

CURRENT ACTIVITY:

EC Project Ideas for Grants: So far: Restore bridge at Foot; Native plantings at basketball courts; Riparian buffers; Fencing behind Tannery. No movement at July meeting.

Green Team: Dana Mooney CFO stated that the borough would like to organize a "green team." The mayor must appoint members.

Clean Communities: April 24, 2022.

Facebook: Topic for Month: Eco-friendly fertilizers, Spotted Lantern Fly, advertise Nicole's trail walk on invasive species: 8/22/21, 1PM, Furnace Pond

Open Space Plan Committee: No movement

CURRENT ACTIVITY: (Cont.)

Trail Maintenance: Nov. 7, 2021. It was suggested that the EC should form a "Trail Maintenance Team." We can advertise for members on Facebook

OLD BUSINESS:

Lakeside Park plantings: This month, the EC will meet at Lakeside Park on Wednesday, July 14 at 7:00PM to dig out the grass from another planting bed so it may be mulched.

Furnace Pond Trails/DEP approval/NJDCA: Local Recreation Improvement Grant: Anthony reported that the borough was denied the LRIG grant for Furnace Pond but that the base work to apply for the grant is done and can be used again in the future.

Invasive Plant Species workshop:

Sunday, August 22, 2021 at 1PM Furnace Pond

Nicole informed the EC that Cooper's Hollow Farm of Bernardsville would like to donate or offer at a reduced price various native plants. Good selections for poor soil include Spicebush, Arrowwood, Witch Hazel, Low Bush Blueberry and Pussy Willow. Nicole will bring the offer to the attention of Council at the July 27 meeting.

Lutheran Church easement:

No movement.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Trex Recycling program that was approved last month will now be listed as an agenda item.

BILLS:

None

LIAISON REPORTS:

Board of Health Minutes: 4/14/21, 5/12/21 Reviewed with no comment.

Mayor and Council:

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:

Land Use Board: John updated the EC on Juntos Holdings. They have been approved to proceed with their parking lot proposal.

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 9:36PM with a motion by John Rogalo and a second by Anthony Riccardi. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,

Owen Newson, Secretary