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STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

**Minutes: Regular Meeting
July 13, 2017**

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 7:35PM 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, Michael Balogh
Absent: Jason Heymer, Owen Newson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 11, 2017 minutes were approved. Motion made by Nicole Member and seconded by Mike Balogh. John Rogalo abstained. (MC)

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Mr. Anthony Riccardi attended the meeting. No statement.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received:

June 2017 League of Conservation Voters: Environmental Policy Guide
7/7/17 SCMUA: Announcement/ E-Waste Collection Event 7/22/17
Summer 2017 *Skylands Visitor* magazine

Sent:

None

CURRENT ACTIVITY:

New Trail Focus: Lutheran Church easement

After receiving our letter in May, Brian McNeilly visited the Lutheran Church. They were open to the idea of an easement but said that their Board of Governors was due to change at the end of June. They asked that Brian speak with the new Board once they were installed so as to make the process more seamless. Brian will do so in July.

Tree Plaque for Lorraine Bender:

John will follow up with Shade Tree. They showed us an example plaque which we agreed upon some time ago and were supposed to obtain the plaque but this hasn't happened. If they don't want to or can't move forward, then we'll take care of it.

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Facebook: Topic for Month:

SCMUA electronic waste day on 7/22. Nicole Member will forward information to Brian McNeilly.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lakeside Park plantings:

Mike Balogh spoke with the Mayor about two months ago and she reported that the town intended to replace the rope and post fence at Lakeside Park with a more substantial version this summer. John Rogalo followed up last week and the Mayor said they are still planning on doing so. John will bring the list of proposed plants to the August meeting and forward it to Brian McNeilly again and include the Mayor this time. Once they approve the list and finalize the timeline for the fence replacement, we can put together our order for this fall using the funds encumbered from 2016.

Furnace Pond Trails/DEP approval:

Mike Balogh spoke with the Mayor about two months ago and she reported that Melissa(Superintendant) from Hopatcong State Park had contacted her and the permits had moved on to Land Use and the Historic Preservation Office, so things are moving along slowly. The good news is the trails at Furnace Pond have remained relatively clear despite not being maintained, which highlights how much they are being used and are desired by the town. John Rogalo reported that invasive plants are beginning to move back into the area and if we don't take control measures soon their populations will begin to overwhelm the area again.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clean Communities Educational Ideas and Waterloo Village/Nicole

Clean Communities Fund Proposal

For Valley Road School

Clean Communities Program – Lenape Litter Lessons

Compare the Lenape American Indians and their indigenous sustainable lifestyle to today's disposable dependent culture. Throughout this interactive experience, visitors learn about the Lenape's day to day life and explore how to take lessons learned from the Lenape to reduce, reuse, and recycle in our everyday lives. Funding is available from your local Clean Communities Coordinator. Ask us how!

This program is \$50.00/class - there is 17 or 18 classes from Pre-K - 8. (Had exact numbers, but had computer problems where all information was lost).

Therefore, $\$50.00 \times 17 = \850 . So total cost of program should not exceed \$900.00.

For schools to do class trip of Lenape Village - it is \$10.00/student/teacher/chaperone

So another possible option is to have the student go to Waterloo or the upper grades.

Would recommend in October around Columbus Day weekend or NOVemeber before Thanksgiving.

For Seniors:

There are about 68 Seniors in the Stanhope Senior Club. It would be \$50.00 to do the presentation and they would modify it for the Seniors, if we did one. Or it would \$100.00 if you wanted to do 2 presentations.

Options:

1. Could have presentation done in the Mule Barn at Waterloo Village and have a lunch catered by Sal's, Shakey Jakes, or Bell's. Mansion. At Shakey's <http://www.shakeyjakes.net/turkeyfrn>. If you have 40 or more people, it would cost about \$20/person. You could also look into doing party trays and coming up with another cost.

2. Have it at Stanhope American Legion and have it catered by Sal's, Shakey Jakes, or Bell's Mansion.

3. Have Luncheon at Bell's Mansion for a lunch buffet or lunch sit-down for \$25/person.

See http://www.bellsmansion.com/uploads/7/4/3/0/7430958/bells_catering_menu_2016_2017.pdf for party trays prices.

BILLS:

None

LIAISON REPORTS:

Board of Health: May 10th minutes were received with no comment.

Mayor and Council:

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:

Land Use Board:

Variance application: Leavy/Blk 11304/Lot 6&7/ 30 Linden Ave.

The EC reviewed the variance app. and plans and had no comment. The requested variance was for driveway slope and impermeable coverage. Driveway slope is not an EC concern. The proposed impermeable coverage was 36%, only 6% above town ordinance, so it also did not raise any concern.

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 8:40PM Motion by Mike Balogh and seconded by Nicole Member. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,
Owen Newson, Secretary