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**STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**Minutes: Regular Meeting  
June 9, 2016**

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** at 7:50PM by Vice-chairperson Nicole Member 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, Nicole Member, Michael Balogh  
Lorraine Bender  
Absent: John Rogalo, Jason Heymer

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**May 12, 2016** minutes were approved. Motion made by Lorraine Bender and seconded by Mike Balogh. (UC)

**OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Received:

5/16/16 Linda Chirip, Deputy Clerk: Website Content

6/6/16 Warren County Soil Cons. District: Animal waste management plans

Sent:

5/25/16 Thank you note to Jack at Bell's Mansion

5/25/16 Letter to Land Use Board re: Bruzzese and impervious coverage

5/25/16 E-mail to Brian McNeilly re: EC planting purchase

**CURRENT ACTIVITY:**

**Memorial Park plantings:** Brian McNeilly thought the purchase of plantings by the EC for Memorial Park was a good idea. He suggested we wait until DPW has finished their work placing wood chips on the slope by the Enrite station and outlining the parking area.

EC agreed they would purchase plantings in the Fall. EC will provide the labor for planting. EC questions whether we need a resolution or not from Council. Considering the cost, we might have to fill out a requisition form.

**Stanhope Day/planning:** Mike agreed to man the table until 1PM. Owen will relieve him. Owen will call Jason to ask his availability. Nicole stated she is thinking about giving an informal tour on the canal trail regarding native and invasive plant species.

**EC Facebook page:** Mike will talk to Brian regarding possible creation and implementation.

**EC Tent purchase:** Nicole stated that at this time there had been no further movement.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Furnace Pond Trails/DEP approval:** No movement

Mount Olive/Stanhope trail grant/allocation of monies: No news at this time. Mayor Maio is investigating.

**LVRHS Go Green Club/Green Vision:** Nicole will provide the EC more information on this program this Fall. Currently, she will be meeting with the club's advisor on Monday, June 13. Nicole is investigating a possible electronics recycling day or program.

Nicole stated that the Clean Communities program for the Valley Road School by Jack Branigan was not good. While informative, the program was not well suited for grade school children. Nicole thought a program by the Sterling Hill Mine might be more interesting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**EC Letterhead:** Owen asked if the EC could develop an official EC letterhead for use with EC communications. Mike said he would work on developing one.

**Fall Clean Communities Day:** Nicole suggested two spots for clean up: the open space at the end of Reeve Avenue and the Houdaille Road area.

**Trails:** Nicole suggested that the EC consider developing other trails in the borough since the Furnace Pond trail plan is on hold. She suggested the EC look at the trails by the Lutheran Church for improvement and extension.

**BILLS:**

None

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

**Board of Health:**

**Mayor and Council:**

**Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:**

**Land Use Board:**

**Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society:**

**Musconetcong Sewage Authority:**

**Recreation Commission:** Owen stated he did not like the wire nets that were installed at the basketball courts. He stated no person who enjoys playing basketball likes wire nets. The ball has difficulty falling through the tight "net." There is no "swish!!"

**Shade Tree Commission:**

**Plaster Mill:**

**Water Quality:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM. Motion by Mike Balogh and seconded by Lorraine Bender. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,  
Owen Newson, Secretary