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STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Minutes: Regular Meeting
May 13, 2021

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 7:40PM by Mike Balogh 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, Rudy Shlesinger, Anthony Riccardi
Michael Balogh, Nicole Member
Absent: Owen Newson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 8, 2021 minutes were approved. Motion made by Mike Balogh and seconded by Rudy Shlesinger. Abstention: Anthony Riccardi (MC)

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received:

None

Sent:

None

CURRENT ACTIVITY:

2021 ANJEC Grant:

The grant was submitted with minor edits regarding invasives by *Millenium*. *Millenium* requested a prioritized list of projects we are interested in doing so they can find matching grants. This will be placed on next month's agenda for discussion.

Clean Communities: 4/25/21

Everyone felt it was a success. Nicole believes the head of the Mansfield Trail near Lenape Valley HS needs to be cleaned up and suggested a second clean-up this Spring/Summer and potentially partnering with Byram to do so. The EC decided to add this location for the next clean-up. The EC also discussed working with group leaders ahead of the next clean-up to predetermine locations for their group to clean. EC members would meet them at the location rather than the school to make things more efficient.

Facebook: Topic for month:

Fertilizer and lake awareness. Anthony will find something to send to Brian McNeilly.

CURRENT ACTIVITY: (Cont.)

Open Space Plan Committee:

No movement.

Trail Maintenance: 11/7/21

No movement.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lakeside Park plantings:

Anthony reviewed the plantings we did with the mayor/council and went over what is left to plant once available. He asked mayor/council to view the area and approve or comment. No feedback yet. We need to remove the remaining grass in the planting beds, which we will all try to do as individuals when we have time. Mike will follow up with Brian regarding what we can do with the grass and where we can get mulch for the beds.

Furnace Pond Trails/DEP approval:

Anthony will follow up next month regarding NJDCA: Local Recreation Improvement Grant and report back.

Invasive Plant Species workshop:

Lutheran Church easement:

Mike will follow up with Eric Keller on scheduling a new date for a reassessment of trail viability. John will flag the path so we can walk it with Eric at any time, even if John is not available.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

BILLS:

John Rogalo: \$132 for Lakeside Park plantings. Motion to pay by Anthony Riccardi and seconded by Nicole Member. (UC)

LIAISON REPORTS:

Board of Health: 3/10/21 minutes reviewed, no discussion

Mayor and Council: Anthony and Mayor Patty are looking for Sustainable NJ projects, but need to establish a Green Team. Stanhope is already a member of the program, and establishing a team gives us access to grants. The Green Team needs to be established by ordinance. Nicole will follow up with Dana about the requirements for members. (ie. Can kids be members?)

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:

Rudy stated that the weed harvester is in need of many repairs and they are working on it to get it out on the lake as soon as possible.

LIAISON REPORTS: (Cont.)

Land Use Board: John reported that the last meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum. Juntos Holdings has completed their full site plan and is waiting for board review.

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 9:06PM with a motion by Anthony Riccardi and a second by Rudy Shlesinger. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,

Owen Newson, Secretary