

STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Minutes: Regular Meeting May 11, 2017

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 7:37PM 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 12, 2017 and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on the same day.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 13, 2017 minutes were approved. Motion made by Mike Balogh and seconded by Owen Newson. (UC)

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Anthony Riccardi of 4 Lawrence Avenue attended the meeting. He is interested in running for borough council and wanted to observe an Environmental Commission meeting to see what we do. He also reported a Gypsy Moth infestation near the Hopatcong border on Brooklyn Road. Discussion was held and EC determined that Mike should call Brian McNeilly, Borough Administrator, to see how this problem might be addressed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received:

4/28/17 Dana Mooney: Budget Report

Sent:

5/9/17 Mayor and Council: Lutheran Church trail

CURRENT ACTIVITY:

New Trail Focus: Owen reported that he e-mailed a letter, as requested by EC, to Mayor and Council requesting that Mayor and Council approach the Lutheran Church for a possible trail easement on church property.

Clean Communities Day: The EC discussed clean-up day procedures. The EC agreed that we must simplify the sign-in procedure so only one form needs to be filled out by volunteers. Owen noted that we will need more black bags and gloves for the next clean-up. (In addition to bags, 100 pairs of gloves should be ordered.) Discussion was also held on whether or not non-profits who participate in clean-ups must be located in Stanhope. It was noted that the Methodist Church who sent volunteers is located in Netcong. The EC also agreed that it would be beneficial to provide an area map or maps of clean-up sites so volunteers could be assigned certain locations preventing all from cleaning the same area. Nicole will work on simplifying registration form/process. Mike will work on map development. Our next clean-up day is scheduled for Sunday, October 15. This day will also be a borough sponsored shred day and electronics recycling day.

Tree Plaque for Lorraine Bender: No movement.

Facebook: Topic for Month: Nicole will submit information regarding lake friendly lawn fertilizers and photos from the April clean-up.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lakeside Park plantings: Still waiting for installation of new rope and post barrier. Fall planting would be possible if installation is completed this Summer.

Furnace Pond Trails/DEP approval: No movement

NEW BUSINESS:

Owen stated that he heard from neighbors that a micro-brewery is interested in locating in Stanhope at the old Kelly Beverage building on Kelly Place. No one at meeting could confirm.

BILLS:

N.J. Herald \$12.30 Motion for payment made by Owen Newson and seconded by Nicole Member. (UC)

LIAISON REPORTS:

Board of Health: April 12th minutes were received with no comment.

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 8:55PM Motion by Mike Balogh and seconded by Nicole Member. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,
Owen Newson, Secretary