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STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

**Minutes: Regular Meeting
September 8, 2016**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 7:43PM by Chairperson John Rogalo 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: John Rogalo, Nicole Member, Michael Balogh
Lorraine Bender, Owen Newson
Absent: Jason Heymer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 11, 2016 minutes were approved. Motion made by Mike Balogh and seconded by John Rogalo. Abstention: Owen Newson (MC)

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received:

8/25/16 Dana Mooney: Clean Communities update

Sent:

None

CURRENT ACTIVITY:

EC members were confused by the correspondence received from the Clean Communities Committee. EC members were unaware that such a committee existed and wondered where and when the committee meets and why the EC is not included.

Memorial Park plantings:

EC will encumber \$400 from this year's budget to allow for payment in the Spring for Memorial Park plantings. John suggests Spicebush and Witchhazel.

New Trail focus:

There was discussion about Trestle Park and the possibility of Netcong trails connecting with Trestle Park.

Fall Clean-up planning: Clean-up Day is scheduled for Sunday, September 25. Dana has asked that we are vigilant in getting clean-up volunteers to complete Sign-In sheets.

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Nicole commented that parts of Trestle Park have existing garbage and graffiti. Two sites were chosen by EC for clean-up: Trestle Park and Salmon Park (behind post office.) It was suggested that shovels, a backhoe, and dump truck might be needed at Trestle Park. John and Nicole will talk with Brian (9:00 Friday, Sept. 9) to see what is possible. Mike said he would arrange with Jack at Bell's to host volunteers. Nicole will send letters to borough non-profits noting the availability of \$200 grants for participation of 6 or more members. Grants are made available from borough Clean Communities funds. (Note: Borough Finance Committee has raised questions regarding the \$200 grants, however no written inquiries have been received by the EC from Finance Committee.) EC noted that a flyer advertising clean-up day was sent to borough residents in the water bill. Owen will fill out required forms for use of Nixle and Electronic Sign Board. The EC decided that next year there would only be one clean-up on Sunday, April 23, 2017. Instead of a second clean-up, Sunday, November 12, 2017 would be dedicated to trailblazing and trail maintenance.

2017 Budget:

EC agreed to keep the budget the same for 2017.

OLD BUSINESS:

EC Facebook/Mike:

Mike will send a link about Clean-Up Day to Brian for placement on borough Facebook page.

EC Tent purchase/Nicole: No movement.

Furnace Pond Trails/DEP approval: No movement

Mount Olive/Stanhope trail grant/allocation of monies: No movement

LVRHS Go Green Club/Green Vision: Ideas are pending until Nicole talks to Green Vision.

NEW BUSINESS:

NJDOT: TAP Grants: ^{John} Brian and Nicole will mention availability to Brian when they meet with him tomorrow regarding possible use at Plaster Mill.

BILLS:

None

LIAISON REPORTS:

Board of Health:

Mayor and Council:

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board:

Land Use Board:

Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society: Owen stated that the society is planning a program on the old Kelly Beverage Company of Stanhope. Date to be announced.

Musconetcong Sewage Authority:

Recreation Commission:

Shade Tree Commission: Commission is investigating possible plantings on the bank between Main Street and the canal

Plaster Mill:

Water Quality: It was suggested that preventive measures should be taken for the well off Continental Drive. There could be future contamination from Dynapac Site. Do Mia's reports on Stanhope's water quality mention this?

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at ____PM. Motion by John Rogalo and seconded by Mike Balogh (UC)

Respectfully submitted,
Owen Newson, Secretary

