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STANHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

**Minutes: Regular Meeting
September 14, 2017**

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 7:40PM by 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 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, Owen Newson
Absent: Jason Heymer,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

July 13, 2017 minutes were approved. Motion made by Mike Balogh and seconded by John Rogalo. Owen Newson abstained. (MC)

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Mr. Anthony Riccardi attended the meeting. No statement.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received:

7/31/17 Land Use Board: Variance Application: Solecki/Blk 11001/Lot 702

8/1/17 Land Use Board: Variance Application: Leavy/Blk 11304/Lot 6&7 (Revised)

8/15/17 Finance Officer: 2018 budget request

9/8/17 Finance Officer: Equifax hack

Sent:

None

CURRENT ACTIVITY:

The EC agreed that the commission's budget request for 2018 should remain the same as 2017's budget. Motion made by John Rogalo and seconded by Mike Balogh. (UC)

Clean Communities update: Nicole/ No movement

New Trail Focus: Lutheran Church easement: No movement. Nicole will remind Brian to follow up.

Tree Plaque: Owen showed samples of plaques EC could purchase. EC agreed on Tree Bracelet commemorative tree tag. Owen will check with Shade Tree and Brian for approval. Cost is \$54.95. EC will need to fill out a requisition form for purchase.

Facebook: Topic for Month: The hazards of tree "mulch volcanos."

OLD BUSINESS:

Lakeside Park plantings:

Now that the DPW has installed the new barrier at Lakeside Park, the EC would like to proceed with its native plantings project. The EC agreed that we should give a presentation to Council to show them where and what will be planted. Mike agreed to create a power point presentation. Owen will contact clerk, Ellen Horak, to seek time on the Council's agenda for September 26. A projector will be needed for the presentation. The EC voiced concern that time was running out for a Fall planting and that funds encumbered for purchase of plantings would expire by the end of the year.

Furnace Pond Trails/DEP approval: No movement

NEW BUSINESS:

Eagle Scout Project: Park Deck/Stair Entrance: Owen showed photos of Boonton's park deck that overlooks their canal park. Their park is very similar to Stanhope's Salmon Park in layout and their deck is an example of what could be done here in Stanhope. Boonton's deck includes bench seating and chess tables but does not include stairs and is adjacent to a very busy Main Street. Salmon Park already has handicap access at Route 183 but access from Main Street does not exist. The EC believes this would be a good Eagle Scout project. Mike knows a family whose son is interested in completing an Eagle Scout project. Mike will follow up with that family and let them know that the EC is willing to help out.

ANJEC grants: The EC discussed possible grant projects here in Stanhope. No application was made at this time.

BILLS:

None

LIAISON REPORTS:

Board of Health:

Mayor and Council:

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board: John reported that the lake was usable all summer and that the herbicide used to treat the lake worked well.

Land Use Board:

Variance application: Leavy/Blk 11304/Lot 6&7/ (Revised): No comment

Variance application: Solecki/Blk 11001/Lot 702: No comment

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 8:45PM Motion by John Rogalo and seconded by Mike Balogh. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,
Owen Newson, Secretary

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