

Millstone Township Agricultural Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2011

Mr. Asprocolas called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

The Secretary read the adequate notice.

Roll Call

Present: (6) Asprocolas, Butch, Dancer, Halka, Peck, Pinhas

Absent: (0)

Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Ms. Butch with a Second offered by Mr. Dancer to approve the March 7, 2011, minutes.

Ayes: (6) Asprocolas, Butch, Dancer, Halka, Pinhas, Peck

Nays: (0)

Correspondence

- Memo from Municipal Clerk regarding Financial Disclosure Statements; two completed and signed originals should be sent to the Municipal Clerk by April 15th.

Old Business

- **Large Animal OEM Plan:** Nothing new to report.
- **Low-hanging wires and tree branches:**
 - The County has trimmed trees on Rtes. 524 and 571.
 - A determination needs to be made regarding the party responsible for trees that are growing in the road right-of-way that were planted by a homeowner. When the Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board approves site plans, the distance that the trees are planted from the road must be clearly defined.
 - The Secretary will check to see if the Township has a tree planting ordinance and will contact the Shade Tree Commission regarding tree planting.
- **Farm Leases:** There will be a meeting with the State regarding management of the former Lichtman property on Yellow Meeting House Road. The property is owned by the State and will be managed by the Township. The property is approximately 70 acres with trails that will go around the fields. The lease for the farm fields will go out to bid. There is a deer problem on the property.

- **Sunday and holiday travel restriction:** A response to the letter that was sent to Secretary of Agriculture Fisher has not been received. The Chairman signed prepared letters to MVC Chief Administrator, Raymond Martinez, and Lt Governor Kim Guadagno. The Secretary will mail the letters with copies to the Farm Bureau, the Monmouth County Agriculture Development Board, the Monmouth County Board of Agriculture and the Farm Family Insurance Company.
- **Farm Market:** There will not be a farm market for the 2011 season due to lack of vendor participation.

New Business

- **Open Space Clambake:** The 5th annual Open Space Clambake will be held on Sunday, June 5th, at Wagner Farm Park from 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Sponsor letters will be mailed this week.

At 8:08 pm, Ms. Pinhas made a Motion to move to executive session with a Second offered by Mr. Dancer, and all in favor.

At 8:34 pm the Council returned to regular session. Having no further business to discuss, a Motion was made by Ms. Pinhas with a Second offered by Mr. Dancer to adjourn the meeting and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Maher