

**Millstone Township
Agricultural Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes for August 1, 2016**
470 Stage Coach Road, Millstone Township, NJ 08510

Mr. Peck called the meeting to order at 7:46 PM.

The Secretary read the adequate notice.

Roll Call

Present: (3) Butch, Peck, Posten

Absent: (3) Asprocolas, Dancer, Pinhas

In attendance: Committeewoman Grbelja, Township Committee Liaison

Public Comment: Opened and closed at 7:47 PM with no public in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Ms. Posten with a Second offered by Ms. Butch to approve the April 4, 2016, minutes.

AYES: (3) Posten, Butch, Peck

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

A Motion was made by Ms. Butch with a Second offered by Mr. Peck to approve the May 2, 2016, minutes.

AYES: (2) Butch, Peck

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

Correspondence

- **County FSA Committee Election:** Ms. Butch made a Motion to nominate Mr. Peck for the County FSA Committee election. A Second was offered by Ms. Posten with all in favor. Mr. Peck accepted the nomination. The Secretary will submit the nomination form.

Old Business

- **Large Animal OEM Plan:** Nothing new to report.
- **Farm Leases:** Council members discussed crop coverage, soil disturbance and acreage removal associated with the Millstone Park farm lease and development of the park. An update on the lease status will be requested from the Municipal Clerk for the next Council meeting.
- **Open Space Trust Account Activity:** The 2016 activity report for the period January through June was distributed for review. The Baird Homestead development grant expenditures have been submitted for close out of the grant.
- **Wildlife Management on Farms Next to Parkland:** This topic will be included on the September County Board of Agriculture meeting agenda with the intention of scheduling a meeting in early December to address the issue.
- **Farmland Preservation Goals:** A goal of three applications was set for this year. The first application has been received.
- **Working with County on Legislative Issues:** Ms. Butch is working with legislators to book a September meeting at a location in Millstone.
- **Farmland Preservation Process:** Discussion postponed until after executive session.

Pending Legislation and Regulations

- **SADC Regulations:** The open space funding bill has been signed by the Governor. The percentage of the allocation for farmland preservation has remained the same.

Events

- **Millstone Day:** Sunday, September 18, at Frogbridge Day Camp. Due to several other events planned for the same time of year, organizations that have partnered with the Council in the past, will not be attending Millstone Day this year. At this time, the Council does not have plans for a display.

New Business: No new business was discussed.

At 8:16 PM, Ms. Butch made a Motion with a Second offered by Ms. Posten to move to executive session; with all in favor, the Council moved to executive session to discuss a potential preservation project.

At 8:42 PM, the Council returned to open session. Ms. Butch made a Motion, with a Second offered by Mr. Peck to recommend to the Township Committee to move forward with the farmland preservation application that was discussed during executive session. Roll call vote:

AYES: (3) Butch, Peck, Posten
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (3) Asprocolas, Dancer, Pinhas

Old Business (continued)

- **Farmland Preservation Process:** Council members discussed the document and the formation of a sub-committee, limited to two Council members, to review the document prior to the next Ag Council meeting. The Ag Council needs to provide input regarding the preservation process.

Having no further business to discuss, a Motion was made by Mr. Peck with a Second offered by Ms. Posten and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorraine Maher
Council Secretary