

Millstone Township
Agricultural Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes for November 7, 2016
470 Stage Coach Road, Millstone Township, NJ 08510

Mr. Asprocolas called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

The Secretary read the adequate notice.

Roll Call

Present: (5) Asprocolas, Dancer, Peck, Pinhas, Posten (arrived 7:35 pm)

Absent: (1) Butch

In attendance: Committeewoman Grbelja, Township Committee Liaison

Public Comment: No public in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Mr. Peck with a Second offered by Mr. Dancer to approve the October 3, 2016, minutes.

AYES: (2) Peck, Dancer

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

Correspondence

- Email from SADC, dated 10/27/16, re: State Acquisition Learning/Listening 11/14/16 at 1:00 PM. The email was forwarded to Council members on 10/31/16. The learning session occurs on the same date as the Farm Bureau Convention.

Old Business

- **Large Animal OEM Plan:** Nothing new to report.
- **Farm Leases:** Nothing new to report.
- **Open Space Trust Account Activity:** The 2016 activity report for the period January through September was distributed for review. No discussion.
- **Wildlife Management on Farms Next to Parkland:** The Monmouth County Board of Agriculture is trying to get a meeting together with various state, local and park officials to discuss ways to control the deer population in parks.
- **Working with County on Legislative Issues:** Nothing new to report.
- **Farmland Preservation Process:** No discussion.
- **SADC Funding:** The Township lost approximately \$300,000 in SADC funding, due to inactivity. The Township's current account balance is \$500,000.

Pending Legislation and Regulations

- **SADC Regulations:** Nothing new to report.

Events

- New Jersey Land Conservation Rally: Friday, March 17, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Brunswick, NJ. Mr. Asprocolas and Mr. Peck plan to attend the rally.
- New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention: November 14 and 15 at the Princeton Westin. Mr. Peck will be attending the convention as a Monmouth County delegate this year.

- New Jersey Agriculture Convention: February 7, 8 & 9 at Harrah's in Atlantic City. Mr. Asprocolas, Mr. Peck and Ms. Pinhas plan to attend the NJ Vegetable Growers Convention, which is held in conjunction with the state agriculture convention.

New Business

- Ms. Pinhas inquired about adding Block 57.01, Lot 2.01 to the target farm list for the SADC 2018 PIG Application Cycle. Council members discussed access to the property and eligibility requirements. The application, as presented at the October Ag Council meeting, will be submitted prior to the December 15th deadline. Farms can be added to the target list in between application cycles if needed.

At 7:54 PM, Ms. Posten made a Motion with a Second offered by Mr. Peck to move to executive session; with all in favor, the Council moved to executive session to discuss potential preservation projects.

At 8:18 PM, the Council returned to open session. Having no further business to discuss, a Motion was made by Ms. Pinhas with a Second offered by Mr. Dancer and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorraine Maher
Council Secretary