

**Millstone Township  
Agricultural Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes for February 27, 2017**  
470 Stage Coach Road, Millstone Township, NJ 08510

Mr. Asprocolas called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

The Secretary read the adequate notice.

**Roll Call**

Present: (3) Asprocolas, Dancer, Posten

Absent: (3) Butch, Peck, Pinhas

**Public Comment:** Opened and closed at 7:35 PM with no public in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the January 30, 2017, minutes was tabled.

**Correspondence**

- CERES (Conservation, Economic Resources and Stewardship) February 2017 Newsletter. The newsletter was distributed for review. Council members discussed the need for deer fencing to reduce crop damage.

**Old Business**

- **Large Animal OEM Plan:** Nothing new to report.
- **Farm Leases:** Millstone Park development has begun. The farm lease contains language regarding removal of acreage for park development and the lease payment terms have been adjusted in accordance with the removal of acreage.
- **Open Space Trust Account Activity:** The 2017 activity report for the month of January was distributed for review. No discussion.
- **Wildlife Management on Farms Next to Parkland:** Mr. Asprocolas has been appointed to the Fish and Game Council as the Central Jersey farmer representative. Mr. Asprocolas explained that deer harbor in parkland during the day and in the evening move onto adjacent farmland and destroy crops. A coordinated effort between various organizations, farmers and landowners is necessary to address the wildlife management issue.
- **Working with County on Legislative Issues:** No discussion.
- **Farmland Preservation Process:** Mr. Asprocolas suggested holding a meeting with representatives from both the Open Space and Farmland Preservation Council and the Ag Council to discuss the process and update the document.

**Pending Legislation and Regulations**

- **SADC Regulations:** No discussion.

**Events**

- New Jersey Land Conservation Rally: Friday, March 17, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Brunswick, NJ. Mr. Asprocolas and Mr. Peck are registered to attend the rally.

**New Business**

- The 2016 list of accomplishments was distributed and reviewed by Council members.

- The 2017 list of goals and the 2017 budget were distributed for review. The list of goals will be updated to include working with the Monmouth County Board of Agriculture to organize a meeting with Millstone farmers who are experiencing problems with wildlife on farms adjacent to parkland.

At 7:55 PM, Ms. Posten made a Motion with a Second offered by Mr. Dancer to move to executive session; with all in favor, the Council moved to executive session to discuss potential preservation projects.

At 8:08 PM, the Council returned to open session. Having no further business to discuss, a Motion was made by Ms. Posten with a Second offered by Mr. Dancer and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorraine Maher  
Council Secretary