

**Millstone Township
Agricultural Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes for May 22, 2017**

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: (3) Asprocolas, Dancer, Posten

Absent: (3) Butch, Peck, Pinhas

In attendance: Committeewoman Grbelja (arrived 7:36 PM)

Public Comment: Opened and closed at 7:34 PM with no public in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Mr. Asprocolas with a Second offered by Mr. Dancer to approve the March 29, 2017, minutes. Roll call vote:

AYES: (2) Asprocolas, Dancer

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

Correspondence: No correspondence was presented at the meeting.

Old Business

- Large Animal OEM Plan: Nothing new to report.
- Farm Leases
 - Millstone Park: 5-year lease expiring 7/31/18. It was noted that the fields have not been planted but it is still early for planting soybeans.
 - Perrineville Road: 3-year lease expiring 7/31/18. Nothing new reported.
- Open Space Trust Account Activity: The 2017 activity report, with information through April, was distributed for review. Disbursements associated with the acquisition of the Burnt Tavern Meadows/CKV property will be corrected.
- Wildlife Management on Farms Next to Parkland: Mr. Asprocolas is working on setting up a meeting of stakeholders to discuss the management of wildlife on farms next to county parkland.
- Working with County on Legislative Issues: No discussion.
- Farmland Preservation Process: Council members discussed the addition of farms to the target farm list and amending the boundary of the Clarksburg West project area. A Motion to amend the Clarksburg West project area to include land south of Route 524 was made by Ms. Posten with a Second offered by Mr. Dancer. Roll call vote:
 - AYES: (3) Posten, Dancer, Asprocolas
 - NAYS: (0)
 - ABSTAIN: (0)The Secretary will prepare a letter to the SADC requesting the amendment of the boundary line of the Clarksburg West project area.
- 2016 Ag Council Accomplishments: Council members reviewed and approved the list of accomplishments.
- Council Goals for 2017: Council members reviewed and approved the list of goals.
- Clambake: Mr. Asprocolas is co-chairing this year's event that will be held on Sunday, June 11th.

Pending Legislation and Regulations

- SADC Regulations: The Monmouth County Agriculture Development Board sent a letter to the SADC requesting a 30 to 45 day comment period for any rules or regulations that they want to change.

Events

- Clambake: Sunday, June 11th, at Wagner Farm Park.

New Business

C/Grbleja discussed issues with the printing of the spring newsletter. The fall newsletter will come from the Ag Council with an anticipated delivery date of October 1st. All articles should be written and edited by the August meeting. Topics for articles include a message from the Council Chair, Farm Bureau news, pictures of active farming activities, Baird Homestead activities and Clarksburg Church events.

At 8:17 PM, Mr. Asprocolas 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 potential preservation projects.

At 8:33 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 8:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Maher
Council Secretary