

**Millstone Township  
Agricultural Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes for January 24, 2018**  
470 Stage Coach Road, Millstone Township, NJ 08510

Ms. Butch called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

The Secretary read the adequate notice.

**Roll Call**

Present: (3) Asprocolas, Butch, Dancer

Absent: (3) Peck, Pinhas, Postern

In attendance: Committeewoman Grbelja

**Public Comment:** No public in attendance.

**Reorganization**

➤ **Appointments**

- Resolution No. 18-19: Appointing Patricia Butch and George Asprocolas to two year terms commencing 1/1/18 and ending 12/31/19.
- Resolution No. 18-20: Appointing Tom Dancer as the Millstone Township Representative to the Monmouth County Agriculture Development Board for 2018.

➤ **Election of Officers**

- Ms. Butch nominated Mr. Asprocolas for Chairman with a Second offer by Mr. Dancer. Mr. Asprocolas accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made. Roll call vote:

AYES: (3) Butch, Dancer, Asprocolas

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

- Mr. Asprocolas nominated Mr. Peck for Vice Chairman with a Second offer by Mr. Dancer. No other nominations were made. Roll call vote:

AYES: (3) Asprocolas, Dancer, Butch

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

➤ **Designation of Official Newspapers**

Mr. Asprocolas made a Motion to designate the Asbury Park Press and the Times of Trenton as the Council's official newspapers with a Second offered by Mr. Dancer.

AYES: (3) Asprocolas, Dancer, Butch

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

**Approval of Minutes**

A Motion was made by Mr. Asprocolas with a Second offered by Ms. Butch to approve the December 13, 2017, minutes. Roll call vote:

AYES: (2) Asprocolas, Butch

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

**Correspondence**

- Monmouth County Division of Planning Right to Farm Outreach Event: The event will be held at 6:30 PM on January 31, 2018, at the Monmouth County Agriculture Building in Freehold, NJ.

## **Old Business**

- Large Animal OEM Plan: No discussion.
- Farm Leases: The Millstone Park and Perrineville Road farm leases expire on 7/31/18. The new leases will be posted on the Township website in March. Council members discussed the best time of the year for soil testing.
- Open Space Trust Account Activity: The 2017 activity report, with information through December was distributed for review.
- Wildlife Management on Farms Next to Parkland: Council members discussed potential dates for the meeting and stakeholders who will be invited to participate in the discussion. the Secretary will reserve the court room for March 28<sup>th</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Working with County on Legislative Tours: Over 80 bills were passed on the last day of the Christie Administration including the repeal of state SPCA enforcement authority, the appropriation of funds for farmland preservation and the authorization of alternate farmer members of the SADC.
- Livestock Survey: No discussion.
- 2017 Accomplishments: Mr. Asprocolas made a Motion with a Second offered by Mr. Dancer, and with all in favor, the list of accomplishments for 2017 was approved. The Secretary will forward the approved list to the Township Committee and the Planning Board.
- 2018 Goals: Mr. Asprocolas made a Motion with a Second offered by Mr. Dancer, and with all in favor, the list of goals for 2018 was approved. The Secretary will forward the approved list to the Township Committee and the Planning Board.
- Spring Newsletter: Council members discussed the timeline for the Spring newsletter which will be mailed to residents on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Asprocolas will prepare an article on safety issues and vegetative devastation caused by deer. The newsletter will also include an article on the State acquisition of the Hom Farm on Windsor Road.
- Millstone Park: Mr. Dancer discussed concerns with the grading, seeding and mulching at Millstone Park and would like to review the contract specifications. The Secretary will obtain the specs for Mr. Dancer to review.

## **Pending Legislation and Regulations**

- SADC Regulations: No discussion.

## **Events**

- New Jersey Vegetable Growers' Meeting and NJ Agriculture Convention: February 6 - 8 in Atlantic City.
- The Annual NJ Land Rally will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> in New Brunswick. Mr. Asprocolas and Mr. Peck plan to attend the event.

## **New Business**

- The Hom Farm on Windsor Road has closed; this was a State acquisition.
- C/Grbelja discussed mailing informational postcards in between the newsletter mailings.

At 7:39 PM, Mr. Asprocolas 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 7:49 PM, the Council returned to open session. Having no further business to discuss, a Motion was made by Mr. Asprocolas with a Second offered by Mr. Dancer and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Maher  
Council Secretary