

**Millstone Township  
Agricultural Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes for February 28, 2018**  
470 Stage Coach Road, Millstone Township, NJ 08510

Mr. Asprocolas called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM.

The Secretary read the adequate notice.

**Roll Call**

Present: (3) Asprocolas, Peck, Pinhas

Absent: (3) Butch, Dancer, Posten

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the January 24, 2018, meeting minutes was tabled.

**Correspondence:** No correspondence was presented.

**Old Business**

- Large Animal OEM Plan: No discussion.
- Farm Leases: Both the Millstone Park and the Perrineville Road farm leases will expire on July 31, 2018.
  - Millstone Park will have a five-year farm lease; term beginning August 1, 2018 through July 31, 2023. The minimum bid for the five-year lease will be \$9,000, based on \$30 per acre for 58 acres of tillable land.
  - Perrineville Road will have a five-year farm lease; term beginning August 1, 2018 through July 31, 2023. The minimum bid for the five-year lease for the two parcels is \$2,500, based on \$30 per acre for approximately 17 acres of tillable land.
  - The farm leases will be auctioned. The Secretary will send notification to members of the Agricultural Advisory Council email contact list.
  - Council members discussed changing the date for soil testing and recommended changing the deadline for soil testing from April 1<sup>st</sup> to six months prior to the end of the lease to allow time for lime applications to activate in the soil. Ms. Pinhas made a Motion, with a Second offered by Mr. Peck and all in favor, to include soil testing in all Township farm leases with soil testing to be done at least six months prior to the termination of the lease and any corrective action to adjust soil pH to be done six months prior to the termination of the lease. Council members also discussed action to be taken by the Township if the soil pH is not within established guidelines at the termination of the lease.
- Open Space Trust Account Activity: The 2018 activity report, with information for the month of January was distributed for review.
- Wildlife Management on Farms Next to Parkland: The court room has been reserved for March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> for the meeting. Council members discussed the need for a Township wildlife management plan and representatives from various organizations to invite to the meeting.
- Working with County on Legislative Tours: No discussion.
- Spring Newsletter: A draft of page 1, with an article highlighting the preservation of the Hom Farm on Windsor Road, was distributed for review. Mr. Asprocolas will submit an article about the deer population by the end of the week.
- Millstone Park: Mr. Dancer met with the Township Engineer to discuss concerns about field seeding and reviewed grading specifications.

- New Jersey Vegetable Growers' Meeting and NJ Agriculture Convention: Mr. Asprocolas, Mr. Peck and Ms. Pinhas attended the Vegetable Growers meeting; Mr. Peck and Ms. Butch took part in the Agriculture Convention. Ms. Pinhas provided the Secretary with information obtained from the Vegetable Growers' meeting.

### **Pending Legislation and Regulations**

- SADC Regulations: The soil disturbance case is scheduled to be heard in March.

### **Events**

- The Annual NJ Land Rally will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> in New Brunswick. Mr. Asprocolas, Mr. Peck and Ms. Butch will be attending the event along with some of the Open Space Council members.

### **New Business**

- 2018 Clambake: Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, at Wagner Farm Park. Mr. Peck made a Motion, with a Second offered by Ms. Pinhas and all in favor, to increase the price of the adult ticket to \$34.00.

At 7:42 PM, Ms. Pinhas 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 7:56 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. Peck and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Maher  
Council Secretary