

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 2019**

Chairman Asprocolas called the Meeting to Order at 7:07 p.m.

Ms. Peerboom read the Adequate Notice.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairman Asprocolas, Ms. Butch, Vice-Chairman Peck, Ms. Pinhas, Ms Posten

Absent: Mr. Dancer

Guests: Deputy Mayor Grbelja, Ms. Mandelbaum (SADC), Ms. Roberts (SADC)

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Sage who lives on Agress Road asked the council if they could help provide a home for the sheep that was rescued and he has been keeping on his farm. His daughter took part in the community effort to rescue the sheep. The council will reach out to their contacts to help find a home for the sheep.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENT: Mr. Asprocolas read the resolution appointing Mr. Dancer, Mr. Peck, Ms. Posten and Ms. Pinhas for two year appointments. Mr. Dancer was also appointed as our Monmouth County Agriculture Development Board Representative.

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Asprocolas made a Motion to nominate Pat Butch as Chairman and Mr. Peck offered a Second.

Roll Call Vote: Asprocolas, Butch, Peck, Posten and Pinhas voted yes to appoint Ms. Butch.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON: Mr. Asprocolas made a Motion to nominate Randy Peck as Vice-Chairman and Ms. Butch offered a Second.

Roll Call Vote: Asprocolas, Butch, Peck, Posten and Pinhas voted yet to appoint Mr. Peck.

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS:

The Asbury Park Press and The Times of Trenton

Mr. Asprocolas made a Motion to designate the above papers as the official council newspapers and Vice-Chairman Peck offered a Second. Roll Call Vote: Asprocolas, Butch, Peck, Posten and Pinhas voted yes to the designation.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: October 18, 2018

Ms. Pinhas made a Motion to approve the Minutes and Mr. Peck offered a Second. Roll Call Vote: Asprocolas, Butch, Peck and Pinhas voted yes to approve the meeting minutes

CORRESPONDENCE:

- SADC proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Incentive Grant and County PIG regulations received from the SADC. Ms. Butch noted the date had passed for submission. Ms. Butch submitted some of her own comments.
- Monmouth County Board of Freeholders, Municipal Open Space Grant #18-01. Millstone Township will receive \$180,000 towards the purchase of the property. The grant covers fifty percent of the purchase of the property.

OLD BUSINESS:

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLAN: Mr. Asprocolas discussed options for the next deer management meeting. Mr. Asprocolas discussed possibly having someone from Duke Farms in attendance to discuss their current plan. Ms. Butch asked if the council should do something community wide. The Township will be performing a deer count in early March and should have more information after that.

LARGE ANIMAL OEM PLAN: Ms. Butch had nothing to report at this time

FARM LEASE: Nothing to report.

OPEN SPACE TRUST: Council reviewed balance.

WORKSHOP FIRE INSPECTION WRAP-UP: Deputy Mayor Grbelja briefly spoke about the workshop that was hosted by the Ag Council. Britton Shulmeister, from the DCA and Monique Purcell, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture were also in attendance. Ms. Posten noted that the workshop was very helpful.

2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Members reviewed the list of accomplishments. Ms. Butch made a motion to approve and Mr. Asprocolas offered a second. The council voted all in favor to approve. The council asked to have the accomplishments forwarded to the Township Committee.

2019 GOALS: The council was provided a list of goals to review.

2019 Meeting Schedule: Ms. Butch discussed with the Council that the Secretary is the back-up for the Board of Adjustment. The proposed scheduled for this year has them both meeting on the same night. Ms. Butch discussed if there were any other days available for everyone. Seeing no other available dates, Mr. Asprocolas made a motion to approve the proposed meeting schedule and Ms. Posten offered a Second. Roll Call Vote: Asprocolas, Butch, Peck, Posten and Pinhas voted yes to approve the meeting schedule.

Pending Legislation and Regulation: Ms. Butch discussed the passing of the fifteen dollar wage.

Seeing no further business at this time, Mr. Asprocolas made a motion to leave the regular session and enter into the Executive Session to discuss pending preservation. Vice-Chairman Peck offered a Second and by unanimous, the Council left the Regular Session at 8:09 p.m.

Seeing no further business at this time, Chairman Butch made a Motion to adjourn the meeting and Vice-Chairman Peck offered a Second and by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Peerboom