

**OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
JUNE 28, 2007**

At 7:36 pm, Ms. Butch called the meeting to order.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Alves, Blanco, Butch, Denardo, Siedman, Wingerter

Absent: Abilheira, Morelli, Mullarkey, Romano, Schloss

**Public Comment**

The public comment portion of the meeting opened and closed at 7:37 pm. Mr. Frank Cotter was in the audience and requested a farmland preservation application be mailed to him.

**Correspondence**

Ms. Butch reviewed the correspondence section of the agenda.

- Amanda Carl, Monmouth Conservation Foundation, 6/28/07; Teller/Klein closing within next few weeks.
- Faith Hahn, Monmouth County Parks, 6/6/07; Lee Grant application signed by County and Mayor.
- Susan Craft, State of NJ, SADC, 5/2/07; 2007 Farm Bill sets national agricultural policy for the next five years.
- Susan Craft, State of NJ, SADC, 5/15/07; 2007 GSPT is expiring and Townships that are pre-acquiring from here forward are doing so at their own risk.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Wingerter made a motion to approve the minutes of May 24, 2007 as discussed, and Mr. Blanco offered a second. All in favor.

**Old Business**

- Trails
  - Industrial Park - New trails are being proposed through the conservation easement on Rike Drive. Mr. Mark Blackwell and Ms. Butch met with the business owners to discuss the location of the trails. Mr. Rike still owns the property and will eventually turn it over to the industrial park. His attorney would like to see the Township's insurance policy for the trails. A second meeting to walk the trails will be scheduled. Mr. Rike will clear the trails up to Mr. Vito Cardinale's property.
  - Trail Clearing – A four mile trail that runs through County-owned property near Perrineville Park was cleared. The County is not announcing that the trail is open; however, they will not chase any residents away.

- Millstone Township Master Plan, Trail Map Update – Ms. Butch will follow-up with Ms. Lisa Spaziano to see if this is complete. Ms. Butch will bring a copy to the next meeting.
  - Allowable activities – No progress has been made on this project. Mr. Wingerter suggested the Council review the County rules.
- Lichtmann Management Agreement is still at the State being reviewed.
- OSFP Bulletins – The summer bulletin is being printed. The bulletins will be sent to residents in the July tax bills. Suggestions for the next bulleting include:
- Spotlight on Hans Farm (near Wagner Farm Park)
  - Millstone Day
  - Recent Closings
  - Lee Property
  - Bow Hunting – ask county to write an article since it is their property
  - Trail Signs – pictures of trail crossing signs, speed limit signs, markers, etc.
- This bulletin will be mailed to residents in November.
- OSFP Fundraiser – The Clambake held on Sunday, June 3, 2006, was a huge success! The actual profit from the event was just under \$10,000. Special thanks to all who volunteered their time to participate. The Council discussed possibly holding the event again next year.
- Millstone Day
- Donation Letters – Ms. Siedman reviewed the Township business license records and selected 75 businesses to solicit for Millstone Day donations. Letters have been sent to the business owners as well as last year’s donors.
  - Pig Roast - Mr. Denardo provided information on a pig roast vendor for Millstone Day. The vendor will provide the Council with a donation from the proceeds of the event.
  - Money Booth - Mr. Wingerter will take care of the Money Booth.
  - Mechanical Bull - Mr. Denardo, Mr. Alves, and Mr. Mullarkey received training in operating the mechanical bull. Safety gear will be provided for riders. 220 electric is needed to power the bull. Two adult volunteers are needed for this.
- A volunteer list will be circulated. Possibly local students who need to fulfill volunteer obligations can support the event.
- Lee Property – It has been announced at two separate public meetings that the Township is purchasing the Lee farm and that it would fulfill the Township’s Recreations needs. The Rec Committee suggested the Township add 211 acres for recreation; the Lee property is 168 acres. Two six-acre lots to be retained by the Lee family will be subdivided at the July Planning Board meeting. Closing is expected this fall. The Lees will continue to farm the property until year-end.

## **New Business**

- Time Capsule – Mr. Wingerter suggested the Council purchase a time capsule and solicit interest from residents and other groups to provide contents. The capsule could be buried at the Municipal Building. Mr. Wingerter will shop for the time capsule and write a press release.

## **Committee Reports**

- **Finance:** Mr. Abilheira provided a year-to-date summary of the OSFP Trust account.
- **Signage:** No new signs have been installed this month.
- **Public Relations / Publications:** No report at this time.
- **Legislative Awareness:** No report at this time.
- **Planning Board / Board of Adjustment Applications:** No report at this time.

Mr. Denardo made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:30 pm. Mr. Alves offered a second. All in favor.

At 9:57 pm, the Council returned to the Regular Session.

At 9:58 pm, Mr. Wingerter offered a motion to adjourn. Mr. Denardo offered a second. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Naugle