

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP  
OPEN SPACE & FARMLAND PRESERVATION COUNCIL  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 24, 2008**

At 7:42 PM, Chairwoman Butch called the meeting to order.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

**Roll Call**

Present: Mr. Alves, Mr. Blanco, Ms. Butch, Mr. Denardo, Ms. Siedman, Mr. Wingerter

Absent: Mr. Kuczinski, Ms. Morelli, Mr. Mullarkey, Mr. Romano, Ms. Schloss

**GIS Presentation**

Ms. Butch introduced Mr. George Rodelius, Vice Chairman of the Bedminster Environmental Commission, and Dr. Wansoo Im, President of Vertices, LLC. Council members who attended the March Land Rally met both Mr. Rodelius and Dr. Im and saw an overview of the GIS system. In addition to OSFP Council members, Mayor Grbelja, Mr. Matt Shafai, Ms. Lisa Spaziano and Ms. Pam D'Andrea attended the presentation. The purpose of this presentation is to provide more detailed information and give council members and the Township Engineers an opportunity to ask questions and obtain more detailed information about the system.

- Mr. Rodelius demonstrated the GIS program that is currently utilized by Bedminster to map conservation easements. The Bedminster system is standard issue and controlled and updated by volunteers; Dr. Im explained that there are more sophisticated versions of the system which are completely controlled by Vertices. Mr. Rodelius demonstrated the functionality and variety of layers incorporated into the Bedminster system and showed how new records are added and how documents, pictures and video are uploaded to the system; After Dr. Im showed the audience a variety of websites that his company has developed, both Mr. Rodelius and he answered a variety of questions about functionality, customization, security and cost.
- At the conclusion of the presentation M/Grbelja, Mr. Shafai, Ms. Spaziano and Ms. D'Andrea departed. Ms. Butch asked for Council members' comments about the presentation; Members discussed advantages of a GIS system, potential uses other than for Open Space and funding options; a "wish list" will be compiled for pricing purposes, comparable products and grants will be researched.

**Public Comment**

The public comment portion of the meeting was opened at 8:52 PM and with no public comments was closed at 8:52 PM.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Wingerter, with a second offered by Mr. Blanco and all in favor, to table the approval of the March meeting minutes until the May meeting.

**Correspondence/Articles**

Ms. Butch reviewed the following correspondence items:

- *SADC Annual Appraiser's Conference: Farmland Preservation Program to be held on June 11, 2008*: Ms. Butch and Mr. Wingerter previously attended the conference and explained that it is tailored for appraisers and wasn't very informative for Council purposes.

- *Susan Craft, SADC: PIG Application Approval Process, dated April 16, 2008:* Ms. Butch explained that the plan was submitted, comments from the State have been addressed and the Planning Board has adopted the Farmland Preservation Plan as an amendment to the Master Plan; the Township portion of the process is complete.
- *Plan for riding facility draws farm rights query in Montgomery:* Mr. Wingerter and Ms. Butch provided background on the article; Ms. Butch noted that the decision on permissible land uses in this case may impact all preserved farms; a copy of the article was provided to Ms. Maggie Romano (in attendance) and Ms. Butch requested that Ms. Romano share the article with the Equine Advisory Board and NJ Horse Council.
- *County park system to unveil revised deer hunt plans*

## Old Business

- **Trails:** postponed to May meeting
- **Baird Road/Waters 40 acres Update:** Mr. Ken Gann, of the DPW, will use the new grader to fix potholes on the trail.
- **Municipal Farmland Preservation Plan Update:** The Master Plan had been amended to include a Comprehensive Plan Element dated December 1, 2007, revised March 24, 2008 and has been re-submitted to state on April 18, 2008.

## New Business

- **Millstone Township owns Lee Property:** Closing occurred on April 2, 2008.
- **Hom Closing:** Closing occurred on April 22, 2008; this is a farmland preservation; when closing with the state occurs, Millstone will receive 60% reimbursement.
- **Baldwin Closing:** Closing occurred this morning, April 24, 2008.

## Events

- **Clambake:** Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Sponsorships to date are \$4,500.00
  - Seating capacity is 150 but only 120 tickets will be sold for each session; 42 tickets have been sold or reserved and 20 tickets have been provided to sponsors.
  - Entertainment will be provided by Mr. Michael Steib.
  - Mr. Wingerter is working with Dependabilities on the T-shirt design; Mr. Wingerter will work with the Municipal Clerk, Ms. Dellasala, to purchase supplies and obtain bids for lobster.
  - Mr. Wingerter will bring someone to help set up for the event.
- **Millstone Day:** Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>
  - The same location as last year has been requested for the bull ride and the money booth.
  - A request will be made for the DPW to drop off and pick up the bull ride.
  - Ms. Siedman will prepare a sponsor letter; the list of sponsors from last year and a current listing of Millstone businesses will be provided by the Secretary.

## Committee Reports:

- **Finance:** The Open Space Trust report for the period January 2008 through March 2008 was reviewed.
- **Preservation Signage:** The preserved acreage sign will be updated at the end of summer/September timeframe.
- **Public Relations/Publications:** The March issue of the newsletter was distributed with the annual Township mailing.
- **Legislative Awareness:** There was a camp out and rally at the State House in Trenton on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, opposing the proposed closing of State Parks; New Jersey residents are encouraged to contact legislators to voice opposition to the proposed closings.
- **Detwiller Green Acres Easement:** Ms. Butch and Mr. Ken Gann of the DPW marked where posts will be placed; the posts were delivered on April 23 and will be installed by the DPW upon completion of the mark-out; trial signs will be posted along with Green Acres signs.
- **Review Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Applications:** Mr. Horzepa's application is complete and the trails have been set.

**Next Meeting:** May 22, 2008

Prior to moving to executive session, Ms. Maggie Romano announced that the NJ Horse Council will be hosting a panel discussion on Farmer-to-Farmer Advice for Avoiding Conflicts with Mr. David Kimmel of the SADC as moderator; the meeting will be held at the Community Center on June 26, 2008, at 6:00 PM; since the meeting falls on the same evening as the June Open Space meeting and Mr. Wingerter will be one of the panelists, Ms. Romano asked the Council if the two meetings could be combined; it was determined that the meetings could not be combined for logistical reasons.

At 9:34 PM a motion was made by Mr. Wingerter to move to executive session with a second offered by Mr. Alves and by unanimous vote the Council moved to executive session.

At 10:17 PM the Council returned to regular session. Having no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Blanco with a second offered by Mr. Wingerter and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 10:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Maher