

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP  
OPEN SPACE & FARMLAND PRESERVATION COUNCIL  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 28, 2011**

Ms. Butch called the meeting to order at 7:42 pm.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

**Roll Call**

Present: (6) Butch, Kau, Kuczinski, Romano, Schloss, Siedman

Absent: (5) Asprocolas, Blanco, Denardo, Marra, Morelli

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Corrections to the meeting attendance section of the minutes were noted. A Motion was made by Mr. Kuczinski with a Second offered by Mr. Kau to approve the March 24, 2011, minutes with corrections. Roll call vote:

Ayes (6): Kuczinski, Kau, Butch, Romano, Schloss, Siedman

Nays (0)

**Correspondence**

- **Email from Secretary of Agriculture Fisher** dated April 7, 2011: The Governor is releasing funds from the Garden State Preservation Trust.
- **DEP Release** dated April 7, 2011: The Garden State Preservation Trust approved the DEP's recommended list of Green Acres projects.

**Old Business**

- **Trails**
  - *Industrial Park:* Ms. Butch will contact the Township attorney regarding progress.
- **Trail Grant Work**
  - Work is continuing.
  - Ms. Butch will investigate the Private Property/No Trespassing signs on Perrineville Road by the Orchard open space property and at the Agress Road wildlife corridor.
- **Farm Leases on Township-owned Open Space**
  - The Township is preparing a management plan and farm lease for the Lichtman property on Yellow Meeting House Road. The farm fields consist of approximately 16 acres and the lease will go out to bid upon State approval of the management plan and farm lease.
- **Capital to the Coast Bike Trail:** The Township roads are not wide enough to safely endorse a bike trail.
- **Education Process/Open Space Property Acquisition:** Separate forms will be needed for the Green Acres and farmland preservation programs. Ms. Butch will review the draft form.

**New Business:** There was no new business to discuss.

**Events**

- **Possible Open House at Remarkable Sites:** Nothing new to report.
- **Clambake 2011**
  - Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm.

- Sponsorships to date: \$3,250; additional sponsorships include \$1,000 from Frank and Wickie Hom and \$1,500 from Leon S. Avakian, Inc. with payment expected within the next week.
- Additional sponsor letters will be sent to The Tractor Supply Store, Log Power, Gravatt Hay and Freibergers in Upper Freehold Township.
- The advertisement will be sent to the Examiner and the approval will be requested from the Superintendent for a school take home flyer.

➤ **Millstone Day:**

- Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at Frogbridge Day Camp.

## **Committee Reports**

**Finance:** To be discussed in executive session.

**Preservation Signage:** Nothing to report.

**Public Relations/Publications**

- Ms. Schloss will forward a list of potential articles.
- Mr. Kuczinski will prepare an article on land preservation and property taxes.

**Legislative Awareness:** Mr. Romano provided information on the horse racing industry. The contract for the Meadowlands has been signed.

**Stewardship:** Ms. Siedman and Mr. Kau walked the Boris and Antonides properties. There is an old well on the Boris property which needs to be filled in.

**Watershed Committee Liaison**

- The Committee hasn't been created yet.
- Ms. Schloss provided an update on the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Stony Brook – Millstone Watershed Association cleanup. Approximately 20 to 30 people attended the Millstone clean-up with over 1,500 lbs of trash collected.
- Millstone Township received an Environmental Leadership Award at the April 25<sup>th</sup> Stony Brook – Millstone Watershed Association meeting. The Township was recognized for its threatened and endangered species ordinance, its woodlands protection ordinance and for its open space and stewardship programs. Mayor Grbelja, Ms. Butch, Environmental Commission (EC) Chair Eric Davis, EC member Barry Frost and EC Secretary Marianne Heyessey were in attendance to accept the award

**Recreation Planning Committee Liaison:** The Committee is working on plans to build out the park. There will be a meeting to discuss options for the County's Municipal Open Space Grant award.

**Review Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Applications**

- CKV Realty (Garden Center) Burnt Tavern Road: Nothing to report.

At 8:14 pm a Motion was made by Ms. Schloss with a Second offered by Mr. Romano and by unanimous vote the Council moved to executive session.

At 9:46 pm the Council returned to regular session.

Having no further business to discuss, a Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Schloss with a Second offered by Mr. Romano and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 9:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Maher