

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP**  
**OPEN SPACE & FARMLAND PRESERVATION COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, September 22, 2011**

Ms. Butch called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

**Roll Call**

Present: (8) Butch, Denardo, Kuczinski, Marra, Morelli, Romano (arrived 8:08 pm),  
Schloss, Siedman

Absent: (3) Asprocolas, Blanco, Kau

**Public Comment Session:** Opened and closed at 7:41 pm; no public in attendance.

**Correspondence**

- Monmouth County Greentable: Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am – 10:00 am. The topic is Environmental Due Diligence on Land Conservation Projects and how Green Acres handles environmental concerns such as farm dumps, underground storage tanks, historic pesticides and urban fill material.

**Guest Speaker:** Land Use Administrator, Pam D'Andrea, presented information and handouts from the July 12<sup>th</sup> Monmouth County Greentable titled "Putting the 'Ease' Back in Stewarding Your Municipal Easements". The presentation described Millstone's entire municipal easement monitoring process as well as what is permitted and not permitted in a conservation easement.

**Approval of Minutes**

A Motion was made by Ms. Siedman with a Second offered by Mr. Romano to approve the July 28, 2011. Roll call vote:

Ayes: (4) Siedman, Romano, Butch, Morelli

Nays: (0)

**Old Business**

- **Trails**
  - *Industrial Park:* Attorney Simon Kaufman has retired and Duane Davison will be working with the attorney for Industrial Park.
  - *White Birch Trail Grant:* Survey work is complete and property markers have been installed. The Trailblazers will be handling the next phase of the trail grant work.
- **Trail Grant Work**
  - *Perrineville Road/Orchard Trail:* The trail grant work is complete and pictures have been taken. The County is working with Ms. Durek on the trail connection between the Orchard Trail and the County Park trail now that the trail restriction has been removed.

**New Business**

- NJ DEP Green Acres Program Local Government Blue Acres Floodplain Acquisition Application. Ms. Butch explained that Green Acres has a funding program to preserve areas that are prone to flooding. Acquisition would be fee simple and the land would go into a program to be used for passive recreation, as a recharge area or retained as wetlands.

- Ms. Butch distributed the September 15<sup>th</sup> news release from the NJ Conservation Foundation regarding preserving and restoring wetlands and floodplains.

## Events

- **Possible Open House at Remarkable Sites:** This event would be an alternate fundraiser to the annual clambake. Item tabled.
- **Clambake 2011 Evaluation**
  - Mr. Kuczinski to discuss charges to the Open Space Trust with the CFO.
- **Millstone Day**
  - The Ag and OSFP Councils had a display with nutrition information, pictures and trail maps.
  - Ms. Butch donated a locally grown pumpkin for the "Win Me - Guess My Weight" contest. The pumpkin weighed 157 lbs. and the winning guess was 155 lbs.

## Committee Reports

**Finance:** The 2011 tax levy will be posted to the Trust in October.

**Preservation Signage:** Nothing to report.

**Public Relations/Publications:** Ms. Butch, Ms. Schloss and the Secretary will discuss the status of articles for the next newsletter offline.

### **Legislative Awareness**

- Motor Vehicle Regulations for Agriculture: The 60 day public comment period for the Motor Vehicle Commission rule change regarding the Sunday and holiday travel restriction on oversized farm vehicles will end on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The rule is outdated and the change is expected to pass.

**Stewardship:** Nothing new to report.

**Watershed Committee Liaison:** The committee has not had a meeting.

### **Recreation Planning Committee Liaison**

- The Planning Committee will be taking a tour of Millstone Park.
- The NJ DEP will be visiting the site to determine the best areas for road and parking area placement.
- The dam stability report should be available soon.

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

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

At 8:45 pm a Motion was made by Mr. Denardo with a Second offered by Mr. Kuczinski and by unanimous vote the Council moved to executive session.

At 9:12 pm the Council returned to regular session.

Having no further business to discuss, a Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Romano with a Second offered by Ms. Siedman and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Maher  
Council Secretary