

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE & FARMLAND PRESERVATION COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 27, 2011

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

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

Roll Call

Present: (6) Blanco, Denardo, Kau, Marra, Schloss, Siedman

Absent: (5) Asprocolas, Butch, Kuczinski, Morelli, Romano

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

Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Mr. Denardo with a Second offered by Ms. Schloss to approve the September 22, 2011. Roll call vote:

Ayes: (4) Denardo, Marra, Schloss, Siedman

Nays: (0)

Correspondence

- *Monmouth County Park System dated 10/17/11:* Municipal Open Space Grant Application deemed administratively complete. Grant awards will be announced in December 2011 or January 2012.

Old Business

- **Trails**
 - *Industrial Park:* No report.
 - *White Birch Trail Grant:* No report.

New Business

- Farmland Preservation Plan updates for 2012: All potential farmland preservation properties must be included in the plan. Ms. Butch and the Secretary are working on the plan updates for 2012.
- Terms expiring: Mr. Denardo, Mr. Marra, Ms. Morelli and Ms. Siedman. Mr. Denardo, Mr. Marra and Ms. Sideman expressed interest in reappointments; Ms. Morelli was not in attendance.
- 2012 Schedule of Meetings: The preliminary schedule of meeting was distributed for review.

Events

Committee Reports

Finance: Nothing to report.

Preservation Signage: Nothing to report.

Public Relations/Publications: Discussion tabled to November.

Legislative Awareness: A wind and solar energy ordinance was adopted at the October 19th Township Committee meeting. The ordinance addresses energy generation facilities on farms, including preserved farms. The Secretary will send the adopted ordinance to Council members via email.

Stewardship: Ms. Siedman announced that monitoring will begin again in November and asked Council members to provide her with their availability to assist with the monitoring process. Ms. Siedman distributed an example of her stewardship monitoring report. Ms. Siedman provides monitoring reports to Ms. D'Andrea for updating of the open space stewardship database. Infractions are reported to the Code Enforcement Officer for investigation and documentation. Ms. Siedman explained that topographical maps would be helpful when stewarding properties.

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

Recreation Planning Committee Liaison: Nothing to report.

Review Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Applications

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

Mr. Barry Hogan of Deer Trail Drive arrived after the public comment portion of the meeting. Mr. Hogan asked Council members about the responsibilities and goals of the Open Space and Farmland Preservation Council. Council members provided an overview of the farmland preservation process and programs available to assist with the purchase of development rights as well as fee simple open space land acquisitions.

At 8:03 pm a Motion was made by Mr. Blanco with a Second offered by Mr. Kau and by unanimous vote the Council moved to executive session.

At 9:25 pm the Council returned to regular session.

Having no further business to discuss, a Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kau with a Second offered by Ms. Schloss and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Maher
Council Secretary