

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP  
OPEN SPACE & FARMLAND PRESERVATION COUNCIL  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, October 24, 2013**

Ms. Butch called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

**Roll Call**

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

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

**Public Comment Session:** There was no public in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes**

A Motion to approve the July 25, 2013, minutes was made by Ms. Siedman with a Second offered by Ms. Schloss. No discussion. Roll call vote:

AYES: (3) Siedman, Schloss, Butch

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.

**Old Business**

- **Trails:** The Township received the \$25,000 trail grant reimbursement check for the 2008 Perrineville West Trail project. All trail markers are in place. Nothing new was reported on the following trails:
  - *Industrial Park*
  - *White Birch Trail Grant*
  - *Doctor's Creek Trail Grant*
- **Stewardship of Orchard Trails:** Nothing new reported.

**New Business**

- **2014 Meeting Schedule:** Council members discussed the draft meeting schedule for 2014 and agreed to move the September meeting to the third Thursday due to the Rosh Hashana holiday on September 25<sup>th</sup>. A Motion to approve the following dates was made by Mr. Kau with a Second offer by Mr. Marra and all in favor:

January 23, 2014	August 28, 2014
February 27, 2014	September 18, 2014*
March 27, 2014	October 23, 2014
April 24, 2014	November 20, 2014*
May 22, 2014	December 18, 2014*
June 26, 2014	January 22, 2015
July 24, 2014	

\* Denotes meeting dates that fall on the third Thursday of the month. Council members will vote to adopt the 2014 schedule of meetings at the January 2014 reorganization meeting.

**Events:** There are no upcoming events to discuss. The next event will be the clambake.

### **Committee Reports**

- Finance: The 2013 Open Space Trust monthly overview with information through September 30<sup>th</sup> was distributed for review. The open space tax levy, in the amount of \$940,490.78, was deposited in the trust account. The \$25,000 check for the 2008 trail grant reimbursement was not deposited in the open space trust because a special grant fund was established for the 2008 trail project expenses. The Open Space Trust was not charged for labor and expenses associated with the trail project.
- Public Relations/Newsletter: Council members discussed potential articles for the newsletter including the Perl Acres North and Thomas Baird Homestead acquisitions; the depletion of the Garden State Preservation Trust and the potential for a November 2014 ballot question regarding a stable source of open space funding; the Trapani Farm and local honey and an announcement about the 2014 Clambake fundraiser. The target date for completion is April 2014.
- Legislative Awareness: A stable source of funding was discussed under Public Relations/Newsletter.
- Stewardship: There is nothing new to report at the current time.

At 7:44 pm a Motion was made by Mr. Kau with a Second offered by Mr. Marra and by unanimous vote the Council moved to executive session.

At 9:01 pm the Council returned to regular session. Having no further business to discuss, a Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Blanco with a Second offered by Ms. Schloss and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Maher  
Council Secretary