

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE & FARMLAND PRESERVATION COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, September 22, 2016
215 Millstone Road, Millstone Twp, NJ 08535

Ms. Siedman called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

Roll Call

Present: (8) Bailey, Butch, Denardo, Grbelja, Lenzo, Marra, Schloss, Siedman

Absent: (3) Asprocolas, Kozak, Morelli

Public Comment Session: Ms. Siedman opened the meeting to public comments at 7:37 PM. Jake Sage of 50 Agress Road asked the Council about the farmland preservation process. Council members explained the farmland preservation process and program criteria and Mr. Sage was provided with an application form. Mr. Sage thanked the Council and departed the meeting. Ms. Siedman closed the meeting to public comments at 7:43 PM.

Approval of Minutes

A Motion to approve the July 28, 2016, minutes was made by Ms. Schloss with a Second offered by Ms. Siedman. Roll call vote:

AYES: (6) Bailey, Butch, Grbelja, Lenzo, Schloss, Siedman

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

Correspondence:

- Letter from MCADB dated 9/14/16 re: Monmouth County Comprehensive Farmland Plan - Target Farm List Update. Council members reviewed the list.
- Email from SADC dated 9/15/16 re: 2018 Annual County and Municipal Planning Incentive Grant (PIG) Application Cycle. The Secretary will update the municipal target list and will distribute to Council members via email for review.

Old Business

- **Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Grant #12-04, Baird Homestead Development Project:** The project is near completion and upon completion the financial package will be submitted for reimbursement.
- **Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Grant #14-12, Millstone Park Phase 1 Development:** No report.
- **Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Grant #15-03, Historic ME Church:** The project is within budget and is expected to be complete by December 2016.

New Business

- **SADC Funding:** The SADC announced, at its meeting today, that they have pulled back \$267,000 of the Township's municipal planning incentive grant funding and the Township did not receive an allocation for this year. The Township's current funding is \$500,000.

Committee Reports

- **Finance:** The 2016 open space trust activity report, with information through August, was distributed for review.
- **Public Relations/Publications:** An article about the November referendum question regarding the expansion of casino gambling appeared in the October issue of New

Jersey Monthly magazine. The equine and racing industries support the ballot question.

- **Legislative Awareness:** The farming industry is concerned about the \$15.00 minimum wage legislation and is hoping for an agriculture exemption.
- **Stewardship:** Stewardship of open space properties will begin soon. Mr. Marra will be assisting Ms. Siedman and all Council members are invited to take part in the process.
- **Review Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Applications:** Mr. Bailey provided a brief update of pending applications.

At 8:14 PM, a Motion to move to executive session was made by Mr. Denardo with a Second offered by Ms. Schloss and all in favor. The Secretary read the resolution to move to closed session.

At 8:37 PM the Council returned to regular session. Having no further business to discuss, a Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Denardo with a Second offered by Ms. Schloss and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Maher
Council Secretary