

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE & FARMLAND PRESERVATION COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, April 26, 2018
215 Millstone Road, Millstone Twp, NJ 08535

Ms. Morelli called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

Roll Call

Present: (6) Butch, Grbelja, Marra, Morelli, Oxley, Scott

Absent: (3) Asprocolas, Blackwell, Rosenfeld

Public Comment: Opened and closed at 7:32 PM with no public in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

A Motion to approve the March 22, 2018, minutes was made by Ms. Scott with a Second offered by Ms. Butch.

AYES: (4) Butch, Grbelja, Marra, Scott

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

Correspondence: None.

Old Business

- Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Grant #12-04: Baird Homestead Development Project. Nothing new reported.
- Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Grant #14-12: Millstone Park Phase 1 Development. Nothing new reported.
- Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Grant #17-03: Nothing new reported.
- Municipal Open Space Stewardship: Nothing new reported.
- Spring 2018 Newsletter: The newsletter is on schedule to be delivered to the post office on 4/30/18 for 5/1/18 mailing.
- 2018 Clambake: Refrigerators will be donated by H & H Gas; quotes for the seafood will be obtained closer to the event date; Council members are asked to commit to ticket purchases in advance of seafood order; FFA students will be assisting again this year.
- Millstone Park: Re-grading work is being done; Mr. Blackwell will be meeting with the Township Engineer regarding the project.
- Park Guide: The guide will include information on municipal parks; the Secretary will forward the recreation department spreadsheet to Council members; anticipated timeline is to have a marked-up draft by July and a final version by the end of the year.

New Business

- Invitation to all Open Space & Farmland Preservation Council members to attend the Agricultural Advisory Council Meeting on Wednesday, April 25th at 7:00; Cindy Roberts and Dan Knox, of the SADC, presented information regarding the upcoming funding round and changes to the program. Mr. Asprocolas, Ms. Butch, C/Grbelja, Mr. Marra, Ms. Morelli, and Ms. Scott attended the presentation. The Secretary will forward requested information to the SADC by the April 30th deadline.
- Ms. Butch suggested including a flag salute at the beginning of Council meetings. Ms. Oxley made a Motion, with a Second offered by Ms. Butch, and all in favor to add the flag salute to the Council's agenda.

Ms. Morelli reopened the meeting to public comment at 7:49 pm. Ms. Katherine Perez, explained that she is a new resident, is in attendance to observe and complemented the Township for having the foresight to preserve land and maintain Millstone's rural character. Ms. Morelli closed the meeting to public comments at 7:50 pm and the Council returned to New Business.

- Open Space and Farmland Preservation facebook page: Council members discussed adding a Mission Statement to the facebook page and removing comments that aren't appropriate to the mission of the page. Ms. Butch made a Motion, with a Second offered by C/Grbelja and all in favor, to come up with language for the facebook mission statement by the next Council meeting.
- Student Conservation Association (SCA): Ms. Butch provided information regarding the SCA and the trail clearing work they will be doing for the Monmouth County Park System this summer, including work on county trails in Millstone. Ms. Butch suggested hosting a lunch to meet with the volunteers and possibly utilizing the CSA in the future to clear municipal trails.

Committee Reports

- Finance: The 2018 Open Space Trust account activity report, with information through March, was distributed for review.
- Fundraising: The clambake was discussed under Old Business.
- Grant Writing: Nothing new reported.
- Legislative Awareness: Legislators are being asked to support funding for the New Jersey Agriculture Experiment Station.
- OSFP Inventory, Stewardship & Management: Ms. Scott and Mr. Marra plan to visit the Shield Road and Perl Acres open space properties in May. Any Council members interested in stewardship should contact Ms. Scott.
- Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Review: Nothing new reported.
- Public Relations, Publications & Education: Council members discussed various educational opportunities including the annual land rally and county's Right to Farm presentation.

At 8:12 PM, a Motion to move to executive session was made by Mr. Marra with a Second offered by Ms. Morelli.

AYES: (5) Butch, Grbelja, Marra, Morelli, Oxley, Scott

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

At 8:25 PM the Council returned to regular session. Having no further business to discuss, a Motion to adjourn was made by C/Grbelja with a Second offered by Ms. Scott and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Maher
Council Secretary