

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

Ms. Morelli called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

The flag salute was lead by Ms. Morelli.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

**Roll Call**

Present: (7) Butch, Grbelja, Madeam, Morelli, Oxley, Rosenfeld, Scott

Absent: (3) Asprocolas, Blackwell, Marra,

**Public Comment:** Opened and closed at 7:37 pm.

**Approval of Minutes**

A Motion to approve the May 24, 2018, minutes was made by Ms. Scott with a Second offered by Ms. Morelli.

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

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

**Correspondence:**

- Letter from Township resident dated 7/12/2018: The Secretary noted to the Council that the County has been notified of the issue.
- Municipal PIG Rule Amendment Proposal from SADC dated 7/17/18: Ms. Butch is asking everyone to review and submit comments. One concern Ms. Butch has is the allocation of funds and in what part of the process will the funds be available. Also during her review it appears that the Ag Board will need to be more involved in the preservation process moving forward. Ms. Butch noted they are looking for responses by September 5<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Morelli asked the council to review and submit comments before next month's meeting. The council will review and finalize before deadline. Deputy Mayor Grbelja also discussed about moving the next meeting to the following Thursday due to some vacations. August meeting will be moved to the 30<sup>th</sup>.

**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: Nothing new reported.
- Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Grant #17-03: Moving forward and expecting to close out possibly by the end of the year.
- Fall 2018 Newsletter: Target date is October 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Butch noted that they discussed the newsletter at the Ag meeting. Topics and pictures for the newsletter were discussed.
- 2018 Clambake Wrap-up: Ms. Scott thanked everyone for their help with the clambake this year. Deputy Mayor Grbelja noted that she heard several positive comments and how wonderful the process went. Also the new process of offering to take meals out worked out very well. Final numbers will be presented at the next meeting.

- Park Guide: Ms. Morelli noted this was discussed during the May meeting and the though process was everyone would be assigned a particular park or trail. Ms. Butch brought an example for the Council to review. Ms. Morelli would like to know which assignment everyone would like to work on. Ms. Oxley offered to provide the editing. The Council will also include the Recreation Commission
- Parks Ordinance: Ms. Butch noted that she has a few questions. Most items are generic for all park but some items need to be revised. The council will submit comments to be discussed.
- SADS Presentation at 3/25/18 Ag Council Meeting: Ms. Butch stated it was a nice discussion about coordination. SADC would like the Ag Advisory Councils to be more involved and have a stronger connection. Also discussed the proposed changes to the Municipal PIG.
- Student Conservation Association (CSA): Ms. Butch noted they will be coming in and clearing trails provided by Monmouth County Parks system. Ms. Morelli also discussed the possibility of trail grants as another source.

### **New Business:**

- Purchase of Drone: Mr. Madeam introduced some pictures that were taken with his drone. He explained that the technology has become state of the art with the ability to use infrared technology. There are some legal restrictions but Mr. Madeam has the credentials to fly. This would be beneficial for stewardship and the ability to use all year long. Mr. Madeam would like to put together a presentation. The purchase of the drone would come out of the profit from the clambake. The drone would be shared between both Open Space and Ag Advisory councils.
- Deer Survey: Ms. Butch brought a copy of the deer survey that went out in the tax bills. Residents and farmers are being asked to complete the survey by September 1.
- Fire Inspections: Ms. Butch noted that the State is now inspecting commercial farms and inspecting the entire facility. Ms. Butch feels we should host a workshop with the Ag Council and include the Fire Department. Deputy Mayor Grbelja noted it was discussed with the Township Committee but will reach out to get more information from SADC and the Farm Bureau.
- Support Letter: Ms. Butch asked for a support letter from the Council for the Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Grant.  
A Motion to approve the letter was made by Deputy Mayor Grbelja with a Second offered by Ms. Scott. Roll call vote:  
AYES: (7) Butch, Madeam, Morelli, Oxley, Rosenfeld, Scott, Deputy Mayor Grbelja  
NAYS: (0)  
ABSTAIN: (0)

### **Events**

- Millstone Day: Sunday, September 16, 2018. The council will host a table with maps, pictures, and information. Options were discussed to for new ideas.

At 9:15 PM, a Motion to move to executive session was made by Deputy Mayor Grbelja with a Second offered by Ms. Scott.

AYES: (7) Butch, Madeam, Morelli, Oxley, Rosenfeld, Scott, Deputy Mayor  
Grbelja

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

**Committee Reports**

- Finance:
- Fundraising:
- Grant Writing
- Legislative Awareness
- OSFP Inventory, Stewardship & Management:
- Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Review:
- Public Relations, Publications & Education:

At 9:40 PM the Council returned to regular session. Having no further business to discuss, a Motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Mayor Grbelja with a Second offered by Ms. Rosenfeld and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Peerboom  
Council Secretary