

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE & FARMLAND PRESERVATION COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, October 24, 2019
215 Millstone Road, Millstone Twp, NJ 08535

Meeting called to Order at 7:34 p.m.

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Reading of Adequate Notice

Roll Call: Present: Butch, Butewicz, Grbelja, Morelli, Oxley, Scott
Absent: Asprocolas, Blackwell, Madeam, Oxley, Smith

Chairman Scott opened and closed the meeting to the public at 7:36.

Approval Meeting Minutes: September 26, 2019

The Council having reviewed the Meeting Minutes, Deputy Mayor Grbelja made a Motion to adopt and Ms. Butewicz offered a Second. Roll Call Vote: Butch, Butewicz, Grbelja, Morelli, voted yes to adopt the Minutes.

Correspondence: None

Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Grant #12-04 Baird Homestead:

Project is completed, awaiting payment.

Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Grant #14-12 Millstone Park Phase I:

Ms. Butch explained the adhoc committee is working on closing the grant. In order to complete, the township must complete the last purchases and wait for all checks to be processed, then the Township will proceed with closing the grant.

Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Grant #17-03 Cady Property:

No new updates, just waiting for payment.

Barneget Bay Preserve: - Payment has been received and grant is closed.

Park Guide: The next step will be to meet with the recreation commission to review and make any changes as needed.

Fall Newsletter: The newsletter has not been finalized as of yet. Kate from Halka Nurseries will be contributing and article. There will be an additional article on the fund that was released by the governor and the Cream Ridge research center coop.

New Business: Ms. Butch noted that the Recreation Commission would like to jointly discuss the new rules regarding the parks, with possible different rules for different parks.

Events:

The 22nd Annual NJ Land Conservation Rally will be held on Friday, March 20, 2019 at the Palace at Somerset Park in Somerset, NJ.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Council noted most current expenses are for Millstone Park.

Fundraising: None at this time.

Grant Writing: None at this time.

Legislative Awareness: Ms. Butch discussed the frozen items that were release by the governor. Next issue will be minimum wage for farmers. The viability of farming is becoming as issue. Farm Bureau convention is in November, they will have additional information to share.

OSFP Inventory, Stewardship & Management:

The new drone has been received.

Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Review:

The next planning board meeting on November 13 will be discussing the Allen House II. The original home was called the Fitzpatrick house. Within the next 120 days they will be making adjustments with zoning for coah. Deputy Mayor Grbelja noted that they tried really hard to preserve Showplace Farms, but were unsuccessful. The preserved land that the Township owns cannot be used for coah.

Public Relations, Publications & Education:

Chairman Scott asked about any education opportunities. Ms .Butch thought it would be great to have an appraiser explain the process of appraising farmland and how comparables are used.

Seeing no further Agenda Items, Ms. Morelli made a Motion to enter into the Executive Session to discuss potential preservation matters and Ms. Butch offered a Second and by unanimous vote at 7:58 p.m., the Commission went into Executive Session.

The Council returned to the Regular Session at 8:35 p.m.

Seeing no further Agenda items to discuss, Ms. Butch made a Motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Butewicz offered a Second, and by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Peerboom