

**OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 26, 2006**

At 8:12 p.m., Chairman Butch opened the meeting.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

Roll Call: Present: Alves, Butch, Denardo, Disick, Morelli, Mullarkey, Siedman. Late: Abilheira and Wingerter. Absent: Romano.

Public Comment portion opened at 8:12 p.m.

Steve Morelli, 264 Stage Coach Road is in the audience. He spoke about the Pheasants Forever Program, a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and enhancement of pheasants. He explained the quail-breeding program.

Ms. Butch explained they release birds into Open Space. Areas of town should be assessed to see if they are appropriate for nesting, such as wooded areas. Copies of the printed information will be provided to the members for their discussion at a future meeting.

Public Comment portion closed at 8:16 p.m.

The Secretary has resigned and a new Secretary will be forthcoming.

Ms. Butch advised that Tony Romano, Chet Halka and Pat Butch have been appointed to the newly developed Agriculture Council.

Members appointed to the Open Space and Farmland Preservation Council are Pat Butch for a three year term, Tony Alves for a three year term, Charles Denardo for a three year term and Elias Abilheira as liaison to the Council.

Mr. Wingerter has been appointed as the 2006 representative to the Monmouth County Agriculture Development Board.

Ms. Butch announced that a Resolution was adopted on January 4, 2006 approving a Trail System within Millstone Township.

The SADC amendments to the Appraisal Handbook standards have been adopted and are currently in effect.

Ms. Butch discussed the severable exceptions as discussed by Matt Shipkey at the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders Meeting in November 2005. This will allow people who went into the OSFP program prior to have the opportunity of options available to them.

The tax collector provided the Council with the delinquent register. The Council can look at tax liens for potential properties

The minutes of the November 2005 meeting were discussed. Mr. Alves made a motion to adopt as amended with a second offered by Mr. Denardo. Roll Call Vote: Alves, Butch, Denardo, Morelli, Mullarkey and Seidman.

Ms. Butch advised that Mr. Wingerter asked the Township to write an Ordinance for the Township Trail Easements.

The Council discussed the calendar for 2006 and first meeting of 2007, regular meetings to begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal building located at 215 Millstone Road, Perrineville, NJ as follows:

JANUARY 26, 2006	AUGUST 24, 2006
FEBRUARY 23, 2006	SEPTEMBER 28, 2006
MARCH 23, 2006	OCTOBER 26, 2006
APRIL 27, 2006	NOVEMBER 30, 2006
MAY 25, 2006	DECEMBER 21 2006
JUNE 22, 2006	JANUARY 25, 2007
JULY 27, 2006	

Mr. Disick made a Motion to adopt and Mr. Mullarkey offered a second. Roll Call Vote: Disick, Mullarkey, Alves, Butch, Denardo, Morelli and Seidman voted to adopt.

For the office of Chairman, Mr. Mullarkey made a Motion to nominate Ms. Butch, Mr. Disick offered a second. Roll Call Vote: Mullarkey, Disick, Alves, Denardo, Morelli and Seidman voted yes to the nomination.

For the Office of Vice-Chairman, Ms. Butch made a Motion to nominate Mr. Wingerter, Mr. Denardo offered a second. Roll Call Vote: Butch, Denardo, Mullarkey, Alves, Butch, Denardo, Morelli and Seidman voted yes to the nomination.

The OSFP Budget was discussed.

The Monmouth County Open Space Plan Meeting was discussed. The meetings are to take place at various locations in the County and Ms. Butch encouraged the members to attend one of the meetings. The Township's need for preservation to the West for purposes of a Park was discussed.

The Council discussed the First Annual Farmland Preservation Summit taking place on Friday March 3, 2006 hosted by the SADC.

The Annual Land Rally was discussed. Members in attendance last year found the rally informative. There was discussion as to members attending different seminars at the rally so that the full spectrum will be covered.

Letters have gone out to the appraisers, surveyors, etc. who provided services to the OSFP enclosed the mandatory Business Entity Disclosure Certification they must complete and return to the Township Clerk.

Severable Exceptions were discussed.

Ms. Butch advised that the ROSI is almost complete and will be submitted by 2/1/06.

The Council discussed a tracking mechanism to track larger pieces of property that may become available through delinquent taxes. Mr. Mullarkey volunteered to spearhead and zone in on larger properties for their preservation potential.

#### Committee Reports

Finance: Mr. Disick will remain the Committee Chair.

Preservation Signage: The Committee Chair is not available this evening to update the Council.

Public Relations: Mr. Wingerter will write an article for the Newsletter.

Legislative Awareness: Mr. Romano is not available to update the Committee.

#### Planning Board/Board of Adjustment applications:

- A trail easement has been requested of the Soifers who are before the Planning Board.
- A trail easement will be requested of the Huneke's who are before the Planning Board for a Major Subdivision application on February 8, 2006.
- A trail easement will be requested for the Horzepa Major Subdivision that will be before the Planning Board on March 8, 2006.

At 8:47 p.m., Mr. Disick made a Motion to go out of the regular meeting and into the Executive Session for purposes of discussing individual properties. Mr. Denardo offered a Second. Roll Call Vote: Roll Call Vote: Disick, Denardo, Mullarkey, Alves, Butch, Morelli and Seidman voted yes.

At 9:50 p.m., the Council returned to the Regular Session.

Mr. Wingerter discussed what information was to be included in the Trail Ordinance, including what could be done on the Easement. Mr. Kastning advised Cory that Green Acres Trails must allow something.

Committee Chairs were appointed.

Mr. Wingerter discussed Pheasants Forever Program. If there are deer on the property, no hunting will be allowed. It is a five-year commitment. The Town would work with the Fish and Wildlife Commission. They will bring wild birds in.

There was discussion as to an assessment should be done to see what properties are eligible for these programs. It was expressed that Freehold Township is getting involved in such a program.

There was discussion about potential trail names. The Waters' property will be surveyed some and trail markers will be going up.

There was discussion about potential properties such as Brisbane, Sandy Hook and Fort Monmouth that may be going up for sale. The Council discussed that the properties should be kept and maintained as private parks.

At 10:30 the meeting was adjourned by Motion to Mr. Wingerter with a second offered by Mr. Disick and by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela D'Andrea