

**OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION  
MINUTES  
MAY 25, 2006**

At 8:27 p.m., Ms. Butch opened the meeting.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

Roll Call: Present: Butch, Denardo, Disick, Morelli, Romano, Siedman

Late: Abilheira (9:42)

Absent: Alves, Mullarkey, Wingerter

Public Comment portion opened and closed at 8:28 p.m.

Approval of the minutes of April 27, 2006. Ms. Morelli made a motion to approve and Mr. Romano offered a second. All in favor.

Ms. Butch reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting.

**Old Business**

Ms. Butch mentioned that approved submitted to Green Acres and SADC. Millstone has been granted \$1.5 million dollars, which the maximum amount awarded for 2006. There were only a few towns who received the maximum amount since the Garden State Trust Fund is running out of money.

Ms. Butch mentioned that Mr. Kinsey spoke to Mr. Richard Coppola regarding the Severable Exception ordinance. Two farmland preservation properties are stalled until this ordinance is adopted.

The group discussed ideas for Millstone Day. The registration form has already been submitted to the Recreation Department. Group members were asked to solicit donations for the Money Booth. Other ideas considered were aerial photos of properties and photo identification cards for children.

**New Business**

The Sinha property is expected to close in June. The Council discussed ways to celebrate the preservation of this farm. The Examiner will be called to take photos and print an article. The article should emphasize that the majority of the funding for the preservation came from the county and the state, not Millstone Township.

The OSFP Council was asked to provide information to the Engineering firm that was awarded the REC study. The firm was provided total acreage owned by the state, county, and township as well as total acreage preserved. New vinyl numbers will be order and applied to the signs. Mr. Romano suggested that this would be a good photo opportunity.

The Trail and Open Space presentations have been postponed. Ms. Butch is too busy with the preservation of several farms. Other group members might consider taking on the task.

### **Committee Reports**

Finance: Ms. Butch spoke to Annette Murphy, Deputy CFO, regarding life-to-date expenses from the OSFP Trust. Ms. Murphy was able to provide this information from 2003 forward. Additionally, money should be coming in on the Livak and Mattei property shortly.

Signage: Mr. Wingerter installed two Farmland Preservation signs—one at the Butch farm on Prodelin Way and one at the Halka nursery on Backbone Hill.

Public Relations / Publications: Nothing new to report.

Legislative Awareness: Nothing new to report.

Ms. Siedman made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:59. Mr. Denardo offered a second. All in favor.

At 9:51, the Council returned to the Regular Session.

At 9:51 p.m., Mr. Disick offered a motion to adjourn. Mr. Romano offered a second. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Naugle