

**OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 24, 2006**

At 7:40 pm, Ms. Butch opened the meeting.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

Roll Call:

Present: Alves, Butch, Denardo, Romano, Siedman, Wingerter

Late: Mullarkey (8:22)

Absent: Abilheira, Disick, Morelli

Public Comment portion opened and closed at 7:41 pm.

Mr. Wingerter made a motion to approve the minutes of June 22, 2006, and Mr. Denardo offered a second. All in favor.

**Correspondence**

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

**Guest Speaker**

Ms. Barbara Fegley of Environmental Resolutions, Inc., the organization hired for the recreation study, attended the meeting. She discussed how her company is performing an inventory of the current open space land as well as assessing our current and future recreation needs. They will also compare our current space to national standard for both active and passive recreation. A map detailing current parks, trails, state owned land, township undeveloped and developed land, and potential parkland was presented. Eleven potential parcels were reviewed and a draft report summarizing the issues and constraints for each parcel was prepared. Mr. Wingerter made the following suggestions:

- ◆ Updated census information should be obtained. The township had to provide the county with proof there were more than 10,000 residents. Maria should have the information.
- ◆ Contact the directors of the three camps in town about potential use of their land during their off-season.
- ◆ Determine the time frame for the county development of 100 acres of Perrineville Park. This plan includes parking, restrooms, and playgrounds. Other towns are using county parks for recreation purposes.
- ◆ Contact the School Superintendent regarding their long-term recreation plans. The master plan includes the fields; the parking and restrooms will be in place.

The Council offered the following suggestions:

- ◆ Meet with the Recreation Council and the Little League to determine field needs.
- ◆ Add a running track to the perimeter of Charleston Spring Park.
- ◆ Consider including adult recreation needs.

### **Old Business**

- ◆ Severable Exception - An ordinance was passed allowing a farmer to subdivide a residential lot from a farm when the remainder of their farm is going to be preserved. The lot must be at least two acres and must fully conform to the township's R-80 zoning district requirements. The ordinance would not apply to farmland preserved as part of a farmland/open space conservation cluster in either the RUP or the RUC zones in the township since the farmer already received a density bonus in accordance with the applicable cluster ordinance provisions.
- ◆ Trails – Ms. Butch and Mr. Wingerter met with Ms. Lisa Spaziano regarding the trail map. The map should be done shortly. Additionally, a process for reviewing development applications and notifying township officials of possible trails is being formalized. Additionally, a list of trails with the allowable uses for each trail will be developed.
- ◆ Millstone Day – Mr. Wingerter will check with Frogbridge regarding the tent sizes for Millstone Day. The Bucking Bronco has a large air mattress and will need to be under a tent. Mr. Alves, Mr. Denardo, and Mr. Mullarkey have offered to act as operator of the Bronco for the day. Additionally, the Bronco will need to be included under the township umbrella. Ms. Siedman will resend the solicitation letter to Council members. The letter can be sent to local businesses. Checks can be donated and deposited into the OSFP account and spent on giveaways.
- ◆ Open Space Tax Campaign – Mr. Wingerter is currently developing advertisements for the PEG Channel and a newsletter to be included in the Examiner. These advertisements emphasize the quality of life in Millstone is why we moved here. Increasing the open space tax will help us keep it that way. Two newsletters, a mailing, and a backpack flyer are planned.

### **New Business**

- ◆ School Property - Mr. Wingerter mentioned that the trails on the school property along Baird Road cannot be used due to holes where trees were dug out. Mr. Wingerter offered a motion to send a letter to the Township Committee recommending that the land be cleared and smoothed if funds are available. Ms. Siedman offered a second. All in favor.

## Committee Reports

Finance:

Signage: Total preserved acreage decals have been ordered so the signs throughout town can be updated. Ms. Butch will provide Mr. Wingerter with Green Acres signs for the Livak property.

Public Relations / Publications: See newsletter

Legislative Awareness: n/a

Planning Board / Board of Adjustment Applications:

- ◆ Soifer - Ms. Butch will be meeting with the Soifers and their attorney, Mr. Ken Pape, next week to finalize the trail on their property.
- ◆ Huneke – The applicant goes before the Planning Board next month.
- ◆ Riordan – The family is happy to give a trail alongside the existing trail creating a 30 feet wide trail.
- ◆ Perl North and South – trail requested
- ◆ Horzepa major subdivision – trail needs to be located

Mr. Wingerter made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:08. Mr. Romano offered a second. All in favor.

At 9:30 pm, the Council returned to the Regular Session.

At 9:30 pm, Mr. Wingerter offered a motion to adjourn. Mr. Romano offered a second. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Naugle