

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MARCH 23, 2021
MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Butch called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Chairperson Butch read the adequate notice.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Asprocolas, Butch, Butewicz,
Peck, Deputy Mayor Grbelja, Township Committee Liaison

ABSENT: Posten

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Mr. Asprocolas motioned and Mr. Peck seconded to approve the minutes. Chairperson Butch made amendments to the minutes which include under deer management, the four potential properties that were discussed for bow hunting need to be identified with the block and lot. Under old business, the fourth paragraph down, the word "for" needs to be removed out of that sentence as it is incorrect grammar. On the second page, a revision needs to be made to the Park in the Park Movies Nights, the Open Space Preservation Council will be assisting the Friends of Millstone Township Historic Registered Properties who will be hosting the movies. The minutes of February 23, 2021, were approved unanimously as amended.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairperson Butch stated there are two items of correspondence in relation to the Sage Farm application, and we will be addressing those with the land owners.

OLD BUSINESS:

Deer Management:

Mr. Asprocolas stated the next step would be to get a copy of the Monmouth County Deer Management plan and tweak it to fit our Millstone properties. A presentation will then be given to the Township Committee to discuss what the rules will be, how the program is going to be managed, and how the program can be carried out safely. Mr. Peck asked if the results of the mailed surveys have been quantified and if the survey responses can be included in the presentation to the Township Committee. Ms. Butewicz asked if it would be possible to get an aerial or zoomed in image of the four locations discussed to able to see each individual property and the lots around it.

JCP&L Service During Outages:

Chairperson Butch stated the letter of support drafted for Assemblyman Dancer's bill package has to be redone. Ms. Butewicz offered to revise the letter and send a copy to everyone for comments.

Park in the Park Movie Nights:

Chairperson Butch spoke about what a great fundraiser this event is and how it helped the Baird Home stay afloat during Covid. She asked for everyone to help out and support the event. Chairperson Butch stated since the equipment is very expensive to rent, we are looking to move forward with the purchase of a movie screen and other items. We have found a safe and secure location to store those items.

Clambake:

Mr. Asprocolas stated he spoke with the Chairperson of the Open Space Preservation Council, Kelly Scott. Since the price of seafood is skyrocketing, we would have to double the price of the tickets for the Clambake and would not make any money so we decided to cancel the event.

Spring Newsletter:

Chairperson Butch stated the newsletter is primarily done. A screen shot of the newsletter was shared. The first page of the newsletter is an article written by Kelly Scott, Chair of the Open Space Preservation Council, who wrote an article on water quality. Vice Chair Butewicz wrote about different things to grow in your garden, Gene Medeam submitted an article on raising backyard chickens in Millstone, Mr. Peck submitted the Grown in Monmouth article and Kelly Scott's husband wrote about bats and their benefits and how and when to remove them. Deputy Mayor Grbelja's article explains about land use and how things interact with each other, balancing Covid, preservation, and development which are intertwined and affect each other. Chairperson Butch stated this article is to make people realize we have a unique situation where we live, and we have responsibility to protect the land.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Mr. Asprocolas made a motion to adjourn the regular session and enter into the Executive Session. Mr. Peck offered a Second and the Council unanimously moved to executive session at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,