

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP  
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
October 26, 2021  
MEETING MINUTES**

Chairperson Butch called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

Chairperson Butch read the adequate notice.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Ms. Butch, Ms. Butewicz, Mr. Peck, Ms. Posten, Mr. Asprocolas  
Deputy Mayor Grbelja, Township Committee Liaison

**ABSENT:**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ms. Butewicz motioned to open the floor for public comments at 7:37. Mr. Peck offered a second. Seeing no public in attendance, Ms. Butewicz motioned to close the floor for public comments. Mr. Peck offered a second. Closed at 7:37pm.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** MARCH 23, 2021

Councilperson Peck made the motion to approve the March 23, 2021 minutes and Vice Chairperson Butewicz offered a second. Roll call to approve minutes: Butch, Butewicz, Asprocolas and Peck voted in favor.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** MAY 25, 2021

Vice Chairperson Butewicz made the motion to approve the May 25, 2021 minutes and Councilperson Asprocolas offered a second. Roll call to approve minutes: Butch, Butewicz, and Asprocolas voted in favor.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** AUGUST 24, 2021

Councilperson Peck made the motion to approve the August 24, 2021 minutes and Vice Chairperson Butewicz offered a second. Roll call to approve minutes: Butch, Butewicz, and Peck voted in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

No correspondence.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Newsletter:**

- Chairperson Butch will do the cover letter.
- Councilpersons Peck and Butewicz will have an article on deer management. EHD information from the Farm Bureau will be summarized and incorporated into the article.

- Chairperson Butch will have a follow-up article on the Lantern Fly regarding how to destroy egg masses and Spring preparation.
- Articles on the Heritage Grant and Barnegat Bay Preserve Grant will be included

### **Millstone Day:**

Vice Chair Butewicz noted that the Agricultural Council had a table at Millstone Day. Thanks to Councilpersons Peck and Asprocolas for supplying the peaches and apples that were handed out.

### **Park in the Park Movie Nights:**

Chairperson Butch noted that there were 5 movie nights held. The turnout was decent. There was a lot of positive feedback regarding continuing movie nights next year.

### **Deer Population Count:**

Councilperson Asprocolas suggested that a new spot count to determine deer counts in the Township be undertaken in light of the recent EHD epidemic. He will reach out to Jody to see if she can assist with interpreting the data collected. KJ from DPW is familiar with the route that was used in the last spot count. The Council agreed,

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Tree Ordinance Draft- The recent tree ordinance draft that was presented by the Shade Tree Commission was reviewed. Councilperson Posten noted that although the draft excluded farms and nurseries from the fees, it did not seem to exempt them from completing the paperwork. It would be extremely cumbersome if a farm or nursery had to file paperwork each time a tree needed to be cut. Nurseries also can not replace trees with specific caliber sizes and still manage their inventory properly. She expressed concern that the Shade Tree Commission does not understand the impact the proposed ordinance will have on farms and nurseries. Councilperson Peck noted that the Right to Farm Legislation permits farms to remove trees. Farmers already have enough paperwork to fill out in regards to farming their land and crops. Councilpersons Asprocolas and Posten will try to attend the next Shade Tree Commission meeting to express this council's concerns.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

No Executive Session held.

### **PENDING LEGISLATION:**

Chairperson Butch discussed the recent Cottage Industry Legislation that was passed. It was noted that honey production was included in the legislation. There is proposed legislation to exclude honey production from the bill. Millstone Township uses the Monmouth County Board of Health for inspections and permits.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilperson Asprocolas motioned to adjourn. Councilperson Peck offered a second. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,