

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE & FARMLAND PRESERVATION COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, May 24, 2018
215 Millstone Road, Millstone Twp, NJ 08535

Ms. Morelli called the meeting to order at 7:57 pm.

The flag salute was lead by Ms. Morelli.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

Roll Call

Present: (5) Butch, Grbelja, Marra, Morelli, Scott

Absent: (4) Asprocolas, Blackwell, Oxley, Rosenfeld

Public Comment: Opened and closed at 7:59 pm.

Approval of Minutes

A Motion to approve the April 26, 2018, minutes was made by C/Grbelja with a Second offered by Ms. Scott.

AYES: (5) Grbelja, Scott, Butch, Marra, Morelli

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

Correspondence: None.

Old Business

- Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Grant #12-04: Baird Homestead Development Project. Nothing new reported.
- Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Grant #14-12: Millstone Park Phase 1 Development. Issues with seeding and drainage are being addressed. A black stone dust path has been installed. Information regarding park amenities will be included in the park guide.
- Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Grant #17-03: A purchase price has been negotiated and the contract is being finalized.
- Municipal Open Space Stewardship: Ms. Scott anticipated doing the Shield Road Trail and the Orchard Trail this summer and will contact Mr. Specht regarding mowing the trails prior to stewardship.
- Spring 2018 Newsletter: The newsletter was mailed to residents on May 1st.
- 2018 Clambake: A listing of sponsorships and ticket sales was distributed for review. Council members should notify Ms. Scott regarding availability to volunteer at the event.
- Park Guide: The Thomas Baird Homestead, the Clarksburg Cultural Center and passive recreational trails will be included in the park guide. Council members discussed writing brief summaries for the trails, parks and other recreational facilities. A draft guide will be prepared for the next Council meeting.
- Student Conservation Association (CSA): The CSA has been hired by the Monmouth County Park System to clear county trails in Millstone this summer. Ms. Butch suggested utilizing clambake funds to buy the students' lunch when they are in town and speaking with them about the mission of their organization.

New Business: No new business was discussed.

Committee Reports

- Finance: The 2018 Open Space Trust account activity report, with information through April, was distributed for review. The Township received the \$250,000 grant reimbursement from the county for the Clarksburg Cultural Center restoration project.
- Fundraising: C/Grbelja discussed the possibility of dedicating some of the money raised from the clambake to install a horse statue, at the roundabout planned for Scooter's Corner, along with a plaque dedicated to agriculture and open space in Millstone. Ms. Butch suggested considering utilizing clambake funds to install flashing solar lights at trail crossings especially the Baird Road crossing at the Middle School.
- Grant Writing: The 2018 Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Grant application will be submitted for the acquisition of a sensitive watershed area property.
- Legislative Awareness: The farm bill did not pass. Assemblyman Dancer is pushing a bill to eliminate sales tax on horse stall rentals. The sports betting bill passed. Ms. Butch made a Motion, with a Second offered by C/Grbelja and all in favor, to send a letter to Monmouth County legislators and the governor's office to ask them to support putting \$10 million back in the budget to fund the NJ agriculture experiment station. Marty Bullock, of Upper Freehold Township, is awaiting approval from the governor's office on his appointment as a farmer member of the SADC. George Asprocolas is also awaiting approval from the governor's office regarding his appointment to the Fish and Game Council.
- OSFP Inventory, Stewardship & Management: Discussed under Stewardship.
- Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Review: Nothing new reported.
- Public Relations, Publications & Education: Nothing new reported.

At 8:35 PM, a Motion to move to executive session was made by Ms. Morelli with a Second offered by Ms. Butch.

AYES: (5) Butch, Grbelja, Marra, Morelli, Scott

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

At 9:07 PM the Council returned to regular session. Having no further business to discuss, a Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Marra with a Second offered by Ms. Morelli and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Maher
Council Secretary