

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COUNCIL**

AGENDA

Thursday, September 23, 2021
7:30 PM

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic State of Emergency the Millstone Township Open Space Preservation Council meetings scheduled are being conducted remotely using the "Zoom" format. Each individual will have control over their video

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Please be advised that, pursuant to New Jersey Administrative Code section N.J.A.C. 5:39-1.4(d) and N.J.A.C. 5:39-1.7(c) all individuals giving sworn testimony must appear by both video and audio.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C.5:39-1.4(f) members of the public may submit comments in written letter form at 470 Stage Coach Road, Millstone Township, N.J. 08510 at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting date. Comments timely submitted shall be read aloud at the meeting audible to all meeting participants and the public, subject to the same time limits as are placed on public comments.

CALL TO ORDER

READING OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Let the minutes show that adequate notice of this meeting, as required by P. L. 1975, Chapter 231, has been provided by publication in The Asbury Park Press and The Times of Trenton, posted on the Township bulletin board and filed with the Township Clerk on **February 13, 2021**.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Blackwell _____ Ms. Butch _____ Ms. Butewicz _____ Ms. Datello _____
DM/Grbelja _____ Mr. Madeam _____ Ms. Morelli _____ Ms. Oxley _____
Ms. Scott _____ Mr. Smith (Alt 1) _____ Ms. Riggin (Alt 2) _____

PUBLIC COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 26, 2021

Motion _____ Second _____

Roll Call:

Ms. Butch _____ Ms. Butewicz _____ DM/Grbelja _____
Mr. Madeam _____ Ms. Morelli _____ Ms. Oxley _____ Ms. Scott _____

CORRESPONDENCE

OLD BUSINESS

- Park Guide
- Municipal Open Space Stewardship

NEW BUSINESS

- **EPIZOOTIC HEMORRHAGIC DISEASE (EHD)**
- **BLUETONGUE DISEASE**

EVENTS

- Historic Scenic By-Ways project w/Historic Preservation Commission

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance
- Fundraising
- Grant Writing
- Legislative Awareness
- OSP Inventory, Stewardship & Management
- Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Review
- Public Relations, Publications & Education

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease has been

confirmed in New Jersey

Public Asked to Report Dead Deer and Deer With Possible Symptoms

August 20, 2021

Updated: September 10, 2021

The Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Fish and Wildlife has confirmed Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD). EHD is not a threat to public health.

EHD and Bluetongue are contracted from the bite of insects called midges (*Culicoides sp.*). They cannot be transmitted to people, and humans are not at risk by handling infected deer, being bitten by infected midges or eating infected deer meat.

The Division of Fish and Wildlife always advises against consuming meat from any game animal that appears ill.

EHD outbreaks typically begin in late summer. Symptoms in deer may include difficulty standing, drooling, and emitting foam from the mouth or nose. Since the disease causes a fever, sick or dead deer are often seen in or near water. Disease transmission ends when the first hard frost kills midges.

The clinical signs of disease caused by the EHD and Bluetongue viruses are identical and can only be differentiated by testing and virus isolation.

There have been multiple outbreaks of EHD in New Jersey deer since 1955. Bluetongue virus was isolated from one deer that died in Basking Ridge, Somerset County and another that died in Stirling, Morris County in 2014.

The public is strongly encouraged to report deer with any of the symptoms described above to the Division of Fish and Wildlife at one of the following contacts:

Office of Fish and Wildlife



Health and Forensic

Dr. Nicole Lewis, Wildlife
Veterinarian, (908) 735-
6398 or nicole.lewis@dep.nj.gov

Bureau of Wildlife Management

Jodi Powers, (609) 223-
6073 or jodi.powers@dep.nj.gov

Bluetongue and EHD are reportable diseases to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture Division of Animal Health, but only Bluetongue is a significant concern in livestock.

Livestock issues should be directed to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Health at (609) 671-6400.

The New Jersey Department of Agriculture's Animal Health Diagnostic Laboratory can assist in diagnosing suspected Bluetongue cases in livestock by offering testing and necropsy services. Call the lab at (609) 406-6999 or email jerseyvetlab@ag.state.nj.us.

More information about the tests offered can be found at www.jerseyvetlab.nj.gov

For information about white-tailed deer in New Jersey, visit www.njfishandwildlife.com/deer.htm