

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COUNCIL
THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2023
215 Millstone Road, Millstone Twp.
MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Scott called the Meeting to Order at 7:37 p.m.

READING OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

The adequate notice was read by Secretary DeFelice:

ROLL CALL:

Present: (6), Blackwell, Davis, Harper (7:39), Ming, Scott, Ziner

Absent: (4), Butewicz, Madeam, Morelli, Smith

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public. Opened and closed at 7:38 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 27, 2023

Councilperson Blackwell made a motion to approve the minutes from July 27, 2023 and Chairperson Scott offered a second.

Roll Call: Mr. Blackwell, Ms. Scott and Mr. Ziner voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Related to Spring Road purchase discussed below

OLD BUSINESS:

SPRING ROAD – Township closed on the purchase 2 days ago. Moving forward with lead remediation. Spec sheet sent out to Green Acres approved LSRPs. Unsure of status of current farm lease on property. Once remediation is completed and farm lease expires, the Township can look at future plans for a trail head on the property.

BARNEGAT BAY PRESERVE – Engineer received a 50 ft. LOI determination from the DEP. Waiting on DEP permits. DEP requested additional information contradicting their previous request. Committeeperson Davis expressed concern that engineering fees are currently more than 10% of project budget and we are still in the early planning stages. Once the project goes out to bid, the Council needs to map out what type of educational displays will be incorporated throughout the walkway/boardwalk. Vice Chairperson Blackwell will reach out to the engineer to see what components of the design the Council can assist on. Mr. Blackwell noted that any signage should be consistent with the signage that the Historic Commission is creating.

MILLSTONE PARK PHASE II GRANT-Grant extension for end of December was approved. Fields are finished, Bocce is almost completed. Patch work on hard court surfaces is complete. The Council is not confident that this patchwork will hold up over time. Committeeperson Davis noted that there should be both a performance bond and a maintenance bond on the contractor's work. In the future, any court repairs or development should require bidders to demonstrate previous work installing these types of facilities.

The walking/riding trail will be extended to make a complete loop.

CLARKSBURG CULTURAL CENTER – Utilities are roughed out. There will be 1 external bathroom and internal bathroom.

WINDMILL AND GREENHOUSE – Greenhouse still in the planning stage.

CLARKSBURG SCHOOL (MUNICIPAL BLDG) – Grant application was submitted. Decisions are announced in September.

195 HOLDING COMPANY- Block 57, Lot 30.01. Burnt Tavern Road. Located behind CKV. Well has been decommissioned. Awaiting final survey and PAR. Should be closing by next meeting. No UST detected.

MILLSTONE PARK Pavilion Grant – A grant application was submitted on July 12th for a \$500,000 matching grant to build a pavilion at Millstone Park. The pavilion would be located between the 2 retention basins at the park near the pond area. Grant was deemed complete. Monmouth County received close to \$9 million in requests and has \$6.5 million available.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NEWSLETTER- Open Space is responsible for the Fall newsletter. Councilperson Harper will write a letter as a new resident to Millstone. Chairperson Scott will provide the letter from the Chair. There could be an article on the lantern fly. Ag and Environmental could contribute articles. All articles must be submitted by September 29th. Back page will list holiday events. If a tree ordinance is passed, there could be an article about that.

FINANCE – The Chairperson no longer gets reports from the Township Finance Dept. Committeeperson Davis provided an update report. The Council reviewed recent expenses listed on the report.

GRANT WRITING –

STEWARDSHIP – Will start stewardship in Fall. Chairperson Scott will reach out to everyone that signed up previously in the Spring.

PLANNING BOARD – Nothing much to report. The old Hole in One golf property is updating their proposal. B20 L3.13 Will use a berm and trees to create a sound barrier. They have not been able to demonstrate the ability to keep the sound within permitted levels.

EVENTS:

Millstone Day – September 10th 12:00pm - 5:00pm – Open Space & Ag will participate within the Green Fair tent. Shade Tree and Environmental will also be inside the tent. The large background boards have not been located. Missing for a few years now.

At 9:07 p.m., Chairperson Scott made a motion to leave the regular session and enter into Executive Session. Committeeperson Davis offered a second.

At 9:52 p.m the Council returned to the Regular Meeting.

Seeing no further business, Councilperson Ziner made a motion to adjourn and Chairperson Scott offered a Second. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Andrew DeFelice, Open Space Preservation Council Secretary