

# Millstone Township Agricultural Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2012

Mr. Asprocolas called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm.

The Secretary read the adequate notice.

## Roll Call

Present: (3) Asprocolas, Butch, Halka

Absent: (3) Dancer, Peck, Pinhas

## Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Ms. Halka with a Second offered by Ms. Butch to approve the March 5, 2012, minutes.

Ayes: (3) Halka, Butch, Asprocolas

Nays: (0)

## Correspondence

- **Letter from the Township Administrator dated 4/4/12:** Response to memo from the Ag Council regarding low-hanging branches. The 2012 operating budget will include a \$5,000 allocation to begin a tree trimming program which will be run through the Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Asprocolas suggested posting information on the PEG channel asking farmers to identify trees that are of particular problems for farm vehicles.

## Old Business

- **Large Animal OEM Plan:** Ms. Butch explained that someone from the State will provide Millstone with an existing well written plan so that the Township can see how a plan is written.
- **Low-hanging wires and tree branches:** Discussed under correspondence.
- **Farm Leases:** Resolution No. 12-91 was adopted at the 5/2/12 Township Committee meeting awarding the Perrineville Road farm lease to Robert Forman.
- **Horse Keeping Businesses and New Jersey Sales and Use Tax:** Nothing new to report. There was nothing posted in the Farm Bureau newsletter regarding this topic.

## New Business

- **Agriculture Museum:** Ms. Butch announced that a list of awarded donations has been received from the New Jersey Agriculture Museum including the blacksmith shop and a variety of articles for the Thomas Baird house. The Wagners agreed to store items at the house prior to closing. Volunteers will be needed to go to the Ag Museum in New Brunswick to pack and transport items to be brought to the Thomas Baird Homestead.

- **Allen House Barn:** Ms. Butch explained that HUD is requiring the removal of the peg barn from the Allen property and discussed options for the building including dismantling, storing and reassembling the barn, selling it outright or selling it for timber. Ms. Butch will be getting prices for the various options.
- **Arbor Day Trees:** Ms. Butch explained that the Shade Tree Commission received more trees than requested for Arbor Day. The extra trees will be planted in pots and stored at the Baird Homestead greenhouse and will be given out at the open house event.
- **Community Map Fundraiser:** Ms. Butch explained that the *Friends* group (*Friends of Millstone Township Historic Registered Properties*) is updating the 2007 community map as a fundraiser. The money raised will be used for various *Friends* group projects including expenses associated with the Thomas Baird Homestead and Agriculture Museum. Ms. Butch reviewed map information and documentation distributed to potential advertisers. The map should be complete and ready to go to the printer by late August or September.

### Upcoming Events

- 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Space Clambake Fundraiser: Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Mr. Asprocolas will bring his grill and will provide the produce: watermelons, corn, strawberries and lemons.
  - Mr. Asprocolas will contact the FFA regarding volunteers to help with the clambake.

Having no further business to discuss, a Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Butch with a Second offered by Ms. Halka and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Maher  
Council Secretary