

**Millstone Township
Agricultural Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes for October 3, 2016**

470 Stage Coach Road, Millstone Township, NJ 08510

Mr. Peck called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

The Secretary read the adequate notice.

Roll Call

Present: (3) Butch, Dancer, Peck

Absent: (3) Asprocolas, Pinhas, Posten

In attendance: Committeewoman Grbelja, Township Committee Liaison

Public Comment: No public in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Ms. Butch with a Second offered by Mr. Peck to approve the August 1, 2016, minutes.

AYES: (2) Butch, Peck

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

Correspondence

- SADC dated 8/17/16 re: New Publication Available, "The Right to Farm Act in New Jersey". The guidebook has been updated and is available on the SADC website. Fact sheets were distributed for review.
- MCADB dated 9/14/16 re: Monmouth County Comprehensive Farmland Plan - Target Farm List Update. Council members reviewed the County's target farm list. No changes to the target farm list were suggested.
- SADC dated 9/15/16 re: 2018 Annual County and Municipal Planning Incentive Grant (PIG) Application Cycle. Council members reviewed and discussed updates to the municipal target farm list. The Secretary will update the application and will forward to Council members via email for review prior to submission to the SADC.

Old Business

- **Large Animal OEM Plan:** Nothing new to report.
- **Farm Leases**
 - Millstone Park: 5-year lease expiring 7/31/18. The Municipal Clerk has not contacted the lessee regarding removing acreage for park development.
 - Perrineville Road: 3-year lease expiring 7/31/18.
 - Burnt Tavern Road: The Council will review soil maps and conduct a site visit to determine if the property would be suitable for a farm lease.
- **Open Space Trust Account Activity:** The 2016 activity report for the period January through August was distributed for review. No discussion.
- **Wildlife Management on Farms Next to Parkland:** This issue was discussed at the last Monmouth County Board of Agriculture meeting. A regional approach is needed and Millstone should be a participant in the plan.
- **Working with County on Legislative Issues:** Ms. Butch will be participating in a conference call tomorrow with representatives from various agriculture-related organizations.

- **Farmland Preservation Process:** The current document needs to be streamlined and should explain that items on the list occur simultaneously.

Pending Legislation and Regulations

- **SADC Regulations:** Soil disturbance is still an issue. Preserved farms should be treated the same as non-preserved farms and need to stay competitive with non-preserved farms.

New Business

- The Township lost \$267,000 in SADC funding and did not receive an allocation this year. The Township's account balance with SADC is \$500,000.
- A preliminary schedule of meetings for 2017 was distributed for review.

At 8:46 PM, Ms. Butch made a Motion with a Second offered by Mr. Dancer to move to executive session; with all in favor, the Council moved to executive session to discuss potential preservation projects.

At 9:04 PM, the Council returned to open session. Having no further business to discuss, a Motion was made by Ms. Butch with a Second offered by Mr. Peck and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorraine Maher
Council Secretary