

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE & FARMLAND PRESERVATION COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 22, 2008**

At 7:45 PM, Chairwoman Butch called the meeting to order.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Alves, Mr. Blanco, Ms. Butch, Mr. Romano, Ms. Siedman, Mr. Wingerter, Ms. Schloss (7:50 PM)

Absent: Mr. Denardo, Mr. Kuczinski, Ms. Morelli, Mr. Mullarkey

Public Comment

The public comment portion of the meeting was opened at 7:46 PM and with no public comments was closed at 7:46 PM.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Wingerter with a second offered by Mr. Romano and with all in favor, the March 27th meeting minutes were approved.

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Correspondence/Articles

Ms. Butch reviewed the following correspondence items:

- *SADC PIG Application Approval Process* from Susan Craft dated April 28, 2008; this is a follow-up to Ms. Craft's letter dated April 16th, 2008, and provides clarification on the SADC review period.
- *Central Jersey Group, NJ Sierra Club Chapter* dated May 5, 2008: inviting open space commissions to a discussion on state-wide trails and linkages in New Jersey to be held on June 11th in Robbinsville.
- *Memo from Lisa Spaziano RE: GIS Presentation* dated May 6, 2008
- *Monmouth County Greentable: Recreation Master Planning* to be held on June 2th, 2008; the Secretary will provide the Greentable information to Deputy Mayor Kinsey and the Township Recreation Department

Old Business

- **Trails:** Ms. Butch will prepare a list of all trails for the June meeting for the purpose of making recommendations regarding permissible activities to the Township Committee.
- **Baird Road/Waters 40 acres Update:** While the DPW has received the new grading machine, it is unknown at this time if the trail has been graded.
- **Municipal Farmland Preservation Plan Update:** There is nothing new to report at this time; upon final review, copies of the Plan will be printed.
- **Lee Property Update:** A Green Acres sign has been received from the State and will be posted on the property; "Future Use" signs will also be posted to let residents know that the property will be used for recreation with lighting to be installed; the press release will be coordinated with the Township Committee.

- **Hom and Wong Properties/State Closing Update:** The Wong property closed on May 14th; press releases for these 2 properties as well as the Baldwin property were discussed: Ms. Butch and the Secretary will contact the County to determine availability of key personnel and coordinate press releases.

New Business

- **Summer Edition of the Newsletter** - potential articles include:
 - The Lee, Hom, Wong, Baldwin and Boyken property closings
 - The OSFP Clambake
 - Watershed areas including what a watershed is, what a recharge area is and how many there are in town; Mr. Wingerter volunteered to assist with this article.
 - The Open Farm Market
 - Monmouth County Park System update
 - Ms. Schloss will contact Ms. Adams and request an article on the Goldfinch

Events

- **Clambake:** Sunday, June 8th
 - Sponsorships to date are \$6,000, which is approximately \$3,000 lower than last year's event.
 - Tickets are still available; fliers were provided to Council members to distribute/post; Ms. Butch suggested selling tickets at the Memorial Day parade, however no members were available to sell tickets.
 - T-shirts have been ordered.
 - Mr. Wingerter will be meeting with the Township Clerk next week to purchase supplies and price lobster.
 - The Clarksburg Inn will be providing 2 employees to assist with the clambake and Mr. Wingerter will bring an employee to help.
 - Ms. Butch will contact Mr. and Mrs. Tomer regarding volunteering at the event.
- **Millstone Day:** Sunday, September 21st
 - Mr. Wingerter announced that the Bull has been reserved.
 - Ms. Siedman provided a list of businesses to the Secretary which will be used to solicit donations; Ms. Siedman will sign the request letters and the Secretary will handle the mailing.

Committee Reports:

- **Finance:** tabled due to Mr. Kuczinski's absence
- **Preservation Signage:** The preserved acreage sign will be updated at the end of summer/September timeframe; the Secretary will update the list of preserved acreage to determine the new total to be posted on the signs.
- **Public Relations/Publications:** The summer issue of the newsletter was discussed under new business.
- **Legislative Awareness:** Mr. Wingerter provided a brief update on the Keep It Green campaign.
- **Detwiller Green Acres Easement:** Ms. Butch explained that Mayor Grbelja has been trying to resolve accessibility issues with the landowner.
- **Review Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Applications:** There is nothing new to discuss at this time.

At 8:19 PM a motion was made by Mr. Romano to move to executive session with a second offered by Mr. Alves and by unanimous vote the Council moved to executive session.

At 9:20 PM the Council returned to regular session. Ms. Butch announced that a resolution was presented at the May 21st Township Committee meeting to extend the farm lease on the former Lee property. Ms. Butch explained that there are issues with the resolution as currently written such as the term of the lease which expires on December 31, 2008, and the absence of cover crop requirements. A list of municipal farm lease recommendations will be prepared by the Agricultural Advisory Council and will be presented to the Township Committee.

Ms. Butch read the memo from Lisa Spaziano regarding the GIS presentation; Ms. Butch asked Council members if they had anything to add to the list of questions. The Secretary will update the list and provide it to Land Use Administrator Pam D'Andrea.

Having no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Alves with a second offered by Mr. Blanco and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Maher