

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP  
OPEN SPACE & FARMLAND PRESERVATION COUNCIL  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 23, 2009**

At 7:36 pm, Ms. Butch called the meeting to order.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

**Roll Call**

Present: (8) Asprocolas, Blanco, Butch, Denardo, Kuczinski, Morelli (7:48 pm), Romano, Siedman

Absent: (3) Alves, Kau, Schloss

**Public Comment**

The public comment portion of the meeting was opened at 7:37 pm and with no public in attendance was closed at 7:37 pm.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Romano with a second offered by Ms. Siedman, and all in favor, to approve the March 26, 2009, minutes.

**Correspondence/News Releases**

- **State of NJ, DEP dated 4/7/09:** Millstone Planning Incentive – Project Evergreen; Green Acres matching grant in the amount of \$500,000; Funds have been earmarked by the State for Millstone Township; This will be a reimbursement towards the money already spent to purchase the Lee property; Due to the legislative process, it may take up to 10 months to receive the money.
- **Monmouth County Planning Board dated 4/15/09:** Panhandle Region Plan Regional Collaborative Meeting # 4 to be held April 30, 2009; both Ms. Butch and Mr. Romano, as Ag Council Chair, are members of the panel and plan to attend the meeting.

**Old Business**

- **Trails**
  - **Industrial Park:** Nothing to report.
  - **County Road crossing on Agress Road**
    - DPW has cleared and graded the sight triangle.
    - The 6 white pines, donated by Halka Nurseries, have been planted.
    - The fence has been ordered.
    - Signs are ready to be installed.
    - The ground needs to be seeded.
    - The roadway will be striped.
    - Once the crossing is complete, the other side of Perrineville Lake Park will be opened.
  - **Permitted uses on existing deeded easement trails:** Nothing to report.
- **Trail Grant Work**
  - Clearing on the southern side of Perrineville Road is in progress.
  - Ms. Butch and Ms. Spaziano walked the northern side of the property yesterday and flagged the area to be cleared.
  - Ms. Butch presented the idea of a small parking area at the site to the Township Committee who are receptive to the idea; the parking area will be located on Township-owned open space.

## New Business

- **Letter of Support for ANJEC Grant for GPS and Intern**
  - The ANJEC Grant has been submitted.
  - The Secretary will report on the grant notification date at the May Council meeting.

## Events

- **Possible Open House at Remarkable Sites:** Tabled due to Ms. Schloss' absence.
  
- **Pleasure Pace:** Ms. Butch provided the following update:
  - The event will be held on Sunday, September 21, 2009.
  - Event plans are going smoothly.
  - Sponsorships are in place.
  - Almost the entire route has been planned out.
  
- **Clambake 2009**
  - Sponsorships to date total \$5,000.
  - Ms. Butch expects to receive an additional \$2,000 in sponsorships.
  - The Council will move forward with the event.
  - The following Council members committed to volunteering:
    - Ms. Siedman – all day
    - Mr. Denardo – all day
    - Mr. Kuczinski – early shift
    - Mr. Asprocolas and his two sons – all day
    - Ms. Butch – all day
    - Mr. Romano – all day
    - Mr. & Mrs. Morelli – all day
  - Mr. Romano will solicit volunteers from the Ag Council.
  - Ms. Butch will solicit volunteers from the Trailblazers.

## Committee Reports

- **Finance/Open Space Trust:** Mr. Kuczinski asked Ms. Butch which group, the Trailblazers or the Open Space Council, would be responsible for paying for the fence along a portion of the Wagner Farm Park trail; Ms. Butch will present the issue to the Trailblazers at their May meeting and will provide an answer to Mr. Kuczinski by the fourth week of May.
  
- **Preservation Signage:** Nothing to report.
  
- **Public Relations/Publications:** The Spring newsletter has been sent to the printer and will be mailed with the annual Township mailing.
  
- **Legislative Awareness:**
  - There may be a question on the ballot in November regarding open space funding.
  - The new animal waste management rules were adopted on March 16, 2009; the legislation is being phased in during 2010 and 2012; educational seminars are being held for those affected by the legislation; the Ag Council mailed letters to select property owners, who listed livestock on their 2009 Farmland Assessment forms, regarding the legislation; the full 72 page rule document has been posted to the Ag Council website along with other information; there are different categories regarding who must complete an Animal Waste Management Plan however, all farm animal owners must comply with the new rules.

- The solar and renewable energy bill is progressing through the legislative process; revisions to the bill have been made for preserved farms.
- **Watershed Committee Liaison:** No report due to Ms. Schloss' absence.
- **Recreation Planning Committee:** This month's meeting was cancelled because the scheduled speaker was unable to attend.
- **Review Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Applications:** Ms. Butch explained that Shelly's School for Dogs has submitted a new application to the Board of Adjustment, which was presented at the March 25 BoA meeting; the application was carried to the April 29 BoA meeting; there is a provision for a trail on the property and the balance of the 54 acre parcel, outside of the 3.5 acres for the school, will have either a farmland or conservation easement.

At 8:04 PM, a motion was made by Mr. Romano with a second offered by Mr. Blanco and by unanimous vote the Council moved to executive session.

At 8:39 PM, the Council returned to regular session and having no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Blanco with a second offered by Mr. Denardo and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Maher