

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE & FARMLAND PRESERVATION COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 22, 2010

Ms. Butch called the meeting to order at 7:41 pm.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

Roll Call

Present: (6) Blanco, Butch, Kuczinski, Romano, Schloss, Siedman

Absent: (4) Asprocolas, Denardo, Kau, Morelli

Public Comment: Ms. Butch opened the public comment portion of the meeting at 7:43 pm and with no public in attendance, the public comment session was closed at 7:43 pm. It was noted that Planning Board Secretary, Ms. D'Andrea, and Town Historian, Ms. Kelty, were in attendance to present information during executive session.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Kuczinski with a second offered by Ms. Siedman to approve the June 24, 2010, minutes. Roll call vote:

Ayes (3) Kuczinski, Siedman, Butch

Nays (0)

Correspondence

- **Monmouth County Park System dated 7/8/10 re: Municipal Open Space Grant Program** Ms. Butch explained that the letter congratulates Millstone for completion of the 2008 Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Grant program; The letter accompanied the County Open Space sign (displayed) that will be posted at Millstone Park (former Lee farm).

Old Business

- **Trails**
 - **Industrial Park:** Nothing new.
 - **Huneke subdivision:** An application will be coming to the Planning Board for a minor subdivision; this property is identified in the Master Plan' s Bridle Path Network Plan as needed to connect two existing pieces of a trail; Ms. Butch recommended requesting a trail easement when this application goes before the Planning Board. Mr. Kuczinski made a motion with a second offered by Mr. Romano to send a letter to the Planning Board requesting a trail easement on this property. Roll Call vote:
Ayes (6): Kuczinski, Romano, Blanco, Butch, Schloss, Siedman
Nays (0)
The Secretary will prepare a letter requesting a trail easement and will send the letter to the Planning Board Secretary to include in the application packet.
- **Trail Grant Work:** Trail marking materials have been ordered; posts and tamper resistant bits have been delivered; Trailblazers will posts signs and will request assistance from HAMT; the receipts must be submitted to receive the \$25K grant reimbursement. We are \$8K away from the \$32K required in in-kind labor and expenses.

- **Farm Leases on Township-owned Open Space:** The Lee Farm Lease was discussed. Mr. Kuczinski asked if the lease contained provisions for an extension of time for crop removal if there is a delay in harvest due to weather related issues. A receipt was posted to the Open Space Trust account in June for “Lee Farm Lease 1 month extension”.
- **Capital to the Coast Bike Trail:** Ms. Butch will be coordinating a meeting to discuss a potential trail; the trail will be off-road/cross country and is currently on the back burner.
- **Hand-held GPS for Stewardship:** Agenda item tabled.
- **Determine which open space surveys will be done in 2010:** Properties that have been submitted for the trail grant will be done first, including those on Back Bone Hill Road. Ms. Butch solicited suggestions for other properties; Council members should email Ms. Butch with any suggestions for properties to be surveyed.
- **Ordinance 10-18, Riparian Zone Ordinance:** The ordinance was introduced and will have a second reading in August.

At 7:50 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 9:09 pm the Council returned to regular session.

New Business

- **Acceptance of Plaque for Completion of the Lee Project:** Discussed under correspondence.

Events

- **Possible Open House at Remarkable Sites:** This could be a fundraiser to purchase plaques for remarkable sites.
- **Millstone Day: Sunday, September 19, 2010, at Frogbridge Day Camp**
 - Ag Council member, Mr. Dancer, offered to display his tractor collection; Mr. Asprocolas will provide apples; Ms. Schloss will bring a ride-on toy.

Committee Reports

Finance: The monthly overview was distributed for review.

Preservation Signage: Nothing to report.

Public Relations/Publications: Nothing to report.

Legislative Awareness:

- Mr. Romano explained that a report, known as the Hanson Report, was issued by special council to the Governor recommending the closure of the Meadowlands and Monmouth Park Racetracks; Mr. Romano further explained that the racetracks can be profitable and can work without slot machines; closure of the racetracks would have a devastating effect on the equine industry, horse farms and related businesses as well as open space in Millstone if farms are sold to developers.
- Ms. Butch explained that there is pending legislation that will change the current farmland assessment program; changes include increasing the income amount from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 and requiring receipts.

Stewardship: Nothing to report.

Watershed Committee Liaison: The Committee has not met.

Recreation Planning Committee Liaison: Ms. Butch met with Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Masci and Mr. Shafai regarding the grant application.

Review Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Applications

- CKV Realty (Garden Center) Burnt Tavern Road: Nothing new.
- Huneke: Previously discussed.

At 9:21 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Romano with a second offered by Mr. Blanco and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Maher