

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE & FARMLAND PRESERVATION COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 28, 2010

Ms. Butch called the meeting to order at 7:42 pm.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

Roll Call

Present: (7) Blanco, Butch, Denardo, Kau, Morelli, Schloss, Siedman

Absent: (4) Asprocolas, Kuczinski, Romano

Public Comment: There was no public in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Siedman with a second offered by Mr. Denardo to approve the September 23, 2010, minutes. Roll call vote:

Ayes (4) Siedman, Denardo, Butch, Schloss

Nays (0)

Correspondence

- Monmouth County Comprehensive Farmland Plan – Target Farm List Update, dated 9/14/10. Every county and municipality is required to update the list once each year. Millstone will complete the update this month.
- Monmouth County Park System Union Transportation Trail, dated 10/15/10. The County has applied for a general permit to go into wetland areas and repair bridges in the Assunpink WMA. The Council will look into connecting the Millstone trail system to the trail through the Assunpink.
- 15th Annual New Jersey Land Conservation Rally: Saturday, March 19th. This year's rally will be held at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft. Council attendance at the rally will depend on the workshops offered.

Old Business

- **Trails**
 - **Industrial Park:** Nothing new to report.
- **Trail Grant Work:** The Perrineville Road trail has been cleared. As soon as the marker materials are delivered, the trail will be marked. Progress has also been made on the Witches Hollow trail to the Assunpink. The trail should be open by spring.
- **Farm Leases on Township-owned Open Space**
 - The management and use agreement, with Green Acres, for the Lichtman property has been executed. The property consists of approximately 50 acres on Yellow Meeting House Road and has an open wooded area, 2 large fields and a pond. The Township will go out to bid for the farm lease.
- **Capital to the Coast Bike Trail:** A meeting has not taken place; nothing to report.

New Business

- **Open House at Historic Church:** There will be an open house at the historic church on Friday, November 12th, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. There will be music, refreshments and displays. The building, which was erected in 1845 and is on both the National and State registry, has been de-blessed and may be referred to as a “chapel” going forward. Grants are being written for repair work and a fundraising campaign has begun.
- **Resolution 10-194:** Resolution 10-194, to effectuate agreement between Millstone Township and State of NJ, DEP, Division of Fish & Wildlife on Block 35, Lots 24.01 and 24.02, was passed at the October 20th Township Committee meeting. This is the Lictman property on Yellow Meeting House Road. The Recreation Ad Hoc Committee will be looking at this property for future recreation use.
- **Preliminary schedule of meetings for 2011:** The schedule was distributed for review and Council members agreed on the following meeting dates:

January 27, 2011	July 28, 2011
February 24, 2011	August 25, 2011
March 24, 2011	September 22, 2011
April 28, 2011	October 27, 2011
May 26, 2011	November 17, 2011
June 23, 2011	December 15, 2011
	January 26, 2012
- **Budget/Goals for 2011:** Advertising, education and newsletter expenses will be included in the 2011 budget and will be consistent with the previous year’s budget; no major purchases are anticipated for 2011.
- **Millstone Day 2011:** The Secretary will submit paperwork for the tractor display and apple distribution for next year; if the Historic Commission will not be sponsoring an antique car display, the Open Space Council will do both a tractor and antique car display.

Events

- **Possible Open House at Remarkable Sites:** Ms. Schloss provided information from the Hightstown Historic Tour and noted that it is more interesting to have homes rather than commercial spaces on a tour; the historic church would be a good starting point for a tour in Millstone but at least 6 or 7 homes should be included on the tour.

Committee Reports

Finance: The monthly Open Space Trust account overview was distributed for review. Mr. Kuczinski had researched the Open Space tax ordinance and distributed information regarding authorized uses of the Trust via email to all Council members.

Preservation Signage: Nothing to report.

Public Relations/Publications: An April or May publication is anticipated and will include updates on property closings, grant applications and the clambake.

Legislative Awareness: Nothing new to report.

Stewardship: When the current round of properties is completed, a three-year stewardship cycle will be developed. Ms. Butch suggested surveying the properties that are included in the grant that was awarded to the Trailblazers: White Birch, Chiusano and Halka.

Watershed Committee Liaison: The Committee has not met.

Recreation Planning Committee Liaison: The Committee held their first meeting on Wednesday, October 27th and discussed plans for Millstone Park. The park will be developed in phases to take advantage of grant opportunities. Currently the park has temporary lighting and 5 acres of recreation field that is being used for football.

Review Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Applications

- An application has been received for a solar farm.
- CKV Realty (Garden Center) Burnt Tavern Road: The application has not yet come before the Board.

At 8:36 pm a motion was made by Mr. Kau with a second offered by Ms. Schloss and by unanimous vote the Council moved to executive session.

At 9:19 pm the Council returned to regular session. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Blanco with a second offered by Mr. Kau and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Maher