

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE & FARMLAND PRESERVATION COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 24, 2011

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

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

Roll Call

Present: (9) Blanco, Butch, Denardo, Kau, Kuczinski, Marra, Romano, Schloss, Siedman
Absent: (2) Asprocolas, Morelli

Public Comment: No public in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Mr. Kau with a Second offered by Mr. Denardo to approve the February 24, 2011, minutes. Roll call vote:

Ayes (8): Kau, Denardo, Blanco, Butch, Kuczinski, Marra, Schloss, Siedman
Nays (0)

Correspondence

- Memorandum from Municipal Clerk, Maria Dellasala, dated 3/15/11, re: Financial Disclosure Statement; two completed original forms should be returned directly to the Clerk.

Old Business

- **Trails:** Nothing new to report.
- **Trail Grant Work:** Nothing new to report.
- **Farm Leases on Township-owned Open Space:** Nothing new to report.
- **Capital to the Coast Bike Trail:** Nothing new to report.
- **Education Process/Open Space Property Acquisition:** Separate forms will be needed for the Green Acres and farmland preservation programs. Ms. Butch will review draft form.
- **NJ Annual Land Rally:** Ms. Butch, Ms. Siedman, Ms. Schloss and Ms. Maher attended the rally. Workshops were informative and brief overviews were presented.

New Business: There was no new business to discuss.

Events

- **Possible Open House at Remarkable Sites:** Nothing new to report.
- **Clambake 2011**
 - Sunday, June 5th, from 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm.
 - A building use form for Wagner Farm Park has been submitted to the Recreation Department.
 - The draft letter to sponsors was reviewed; clam chowder will be removed from the menu.
- **Millstone Day:**
 - A date has not been set; the Secretary will contact the Recreation Department to see if the date can be narrowed down to two Sundays in September.
 - Mr. Dancer offered to coordinate the tractor display again this year.

- The Historic Commission is considering sponsoring an antique car display.

Committee Reports

Finance: The monthly Open Space Trust account activity through February 2011 was distributed for review.

Preservation Signage: Nothing to report.

Public Relations/Publications: The Spring edition of the newsletter is expected to be mailed by the end of May or early June. Articles will include:

- The 50th Anniversary of Green Acres
- The local tax impact of land conservation
- Boris and Antonides property closings
- Council accomplishments and effect on taxes

Legislative Awareness: Mr. Romano provided information on the horse racing industry.

- SBOANJ (Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey) submitted proposal to Governor's office. Developer Jeff Gural, who owns two tracks in New York, presented a plan to take over the Meadowlands Racetrack.
- The racetrack will shut down on Sunday, March 27th; anticipated reopening date is May 7th.
- A new grandstand will be built and the old grandstand will be torn down.
- Any financial losses incurred between 1/1/11 and 3/27/11 will be the responsibility of SBOANJ, which holds the lease; the track is managed by the State.
- Harness racing is responsible for the majority of open space dedicated to the horse industry in New Jersey.
- Lease bids for Monmouth Park went out last week; 8 bids have been received; hoping for resolution by June 1st; the track is scheduled to open on May 15th.
- Freehold Raceway is not owned by the State; owned by Pennwood Racing.

Stewardship: Ms. Siedman and Ms. Schloss will be visiting the Boris and Antonides properties on Monday. Ms. Siedman provided her availability and requested assistance from other Council members.

Watershed Committee Liaison

- The Committee hasn't been created yet.
- The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association is holding their annual cleanup on Saturday, April 2, from 9:00 am to 12 noon. Volunteers who pre-register receive a free t-shirt. Meet at the municipal building at 215 Millstone Road; wear boots and bring gloves and water bottle. Millstone had the most garbage collected during last year's annual cleanup.

Recreation Planning Committee Liaison: The Township Committee has decided not to go forward with the construction of the building at Millstone Park after consideration of the project cost. Prevailing wage drove up costs. The \$200K Municipal Open Space Grant will be given back to the County. The Rec Planning Committee will continue with park planning but it will be in a different direction.

Review Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Applications

- CKV Realty (Garden Center) Burnt Tavern Road: Nothing to report.

At 8:20 pm a Motion was made by Mr. Romano with a Second offered by Mr. Kau and by unanimous vote the Council moved to executive session.

At 10:24 pm the Council returned to regular session.

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 10:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Maher