

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE & FARMLAND PRESERVATION COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 23, 2013**

Ms. Butch called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

The Secretary read the Adequate Notice.

Roll Call

Present: (7) Blanco, Butch, Denardo, Kau, Marra, Romano, Siedman

Absent: (4) Asprocolas, Kuczinski, Morelli, Schloss

Public Comment Session: Opened and closed at 7:35 pm with no public in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

A Motion to approve the December 19, 2013, minutes was made by Mr. Kau with a Second offered by Mr. Romano. No discussion. Roll call vote:

AYES: (5) Kau, Romano, Blanco, Butch, Siedman

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

Reorganization

- **Council Appointments:** Resolution No. 14-18 appoints the following members:
 - Kristin Schloss to seat number 6 for a 3 year term commencing 1/1/14 and ending 12/31/16.
 - Chris Kau to seat number 7 for a 3 year term commencing 1/1/14 and ending 12/31/16.
 - Anthony Marra as Alternate II for a 2 year term commencing 1/1/14 and ending 12/31/15.
 - Mike Kuczinski, Township Committee Liaison, for a 1 year term commencing 1/1/14 and ending 12/31/14.

- **Election of Chair:** Mr. Kau made a Motion with a Second offer by Mr. Denardo to nominate Ms. Butch as Chairwoman. Ms. Butch accepted the nomination and no other nominations were made. Roll call vote:

AYES: (6) Kau, Denardo, Blanco, Butch, Romano, Siedman
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)

- **Election of Vice Chair:** Mr. Romano made a Motion with a Second offer by Mr. Denardo to nominate Ms. Siedman as Vice Chairwoman. Ms. Siedman accepted the nomination and no other nominations were made. Roll call vote:

AYES: (6) Romano, Denardo, Blanco, Butch, Kau, Siedman
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)

- **Adoption of Meeting Schedule for 2014:** Mr. Kau made a Motion with a Second offered by Ms. Siedman to adopt the meeting schedule for 2014. With all in favor, the Motion was carried.

Meetings generally occur on the fourth Thursday of the month. The September, November and December meetings occur on the third Thursday of the month to accommodate for holidays. The 2014 meeting schedule is as follows:

January 23, 2014	July 24, 2014
February 27, 2014	August 28, 2014
March 27, 2014	September 18, 2014
April 24, 2014	October 23, 2014
May 22, 2014	November 20, 2014
June 26, 2014	December 18, 2014
	January 22, 2015

- **Designation of Official Newspapers:** Mr. Kau made a Motion with a Second offered by Mr. Denardo to designate the Asbury Park Press and The Messenger-Press as the official Council newspapers. With all in favor, the Motion was carried.
- **2014 Committee Assignments:** Mr. Marra will be added to the Fundraising Committee and the Recreation Ad-Hoc Committee will be removed as the committee is no longer functioning. It was noted that while Ms. Schloss was appointed as the Open Space Council representative to the Watershed Management & Preservation Council, the Watershed Council has never held a meeting.

Correspondence

- **Horse Boarding & NJ Sales Tax:** Assemblyman Ronald Dancer is sponsoring a bill (A-4479) to clarify sales tax collection responsibilities of horse stabling businesses in New Jersey. Sales and use tax legislation went into effect in 2006. The legislation wasn't well advertised and no one knew about the changes the legislation would have on the horse industry. There has been confusion about the taxability of horse boarding and other services and some businesses have received very large bills for back taxes and penalties. Assemblyman Dancer spoke at a seminar held at Rick's Saddle Shop this past Sunday. The Secretary will forward information to Council members who would like to support the bill and will post information on the Township website.
- **Farmland Preservation National Conference in Pennsylvania:** The Secretary will email conference information to Council members.
- **Green Acres Compliance Inspections:** Inspections began on 1/6/14 and were completed on 1/17/14. All requested information regarding fee and usage schedules, managements agreements and leases has been provided to the inspector. The Township should receive a compliance report in two weeks.

Old Business

- **Trails**
 - Industrial Park: Nothing new to report.
 - White Birch Trail: Nothing new to report.
 - Doctors Creek Trail: Some of the trail marking materials that were ordered under the 2011 Recreational Trails Grant award have been received.
- **Farmland Preservation Process:** There is nothing new to report; the process is in limbo pending a decision by the Township Committee regarding which council, the Open Space and Farmland Preservation Council or the Agricultural Advisory Council, will be responsible for processing farmland preservation applications.

New Business

- **2014 NJ State Agriculture Convention:** The convention will be held in Atlantic City on February 4th, 5th and 6th. Ms. Butch will be attending as the County delegate. There will be free seminars that will be open to the public. Several members of the Agricultural Advisory Council will also be attending the convention which is held simultaneously with the Vegetables Growers Association convention.

Events

- **NJ Land Conservation Rally:** The rally will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2014, in Piscataway at the Busch Campus Center. Workshop details are not available yet. The Secretary will email workshop details when they become available.
- **2014 Clambake Fundraiser:** Mr. Denardo volunteered to chair the 2014 clambake.

Committee Reports

- **Finance:** The 2013 Open Space Trust account activity with information through December was distributed for review. No discussion.
- **Public Relations/Publications:** No discussion due to Ms. Schloss' absence.
- **Legislative Awareness:** Ms. Butch stated that there is new federal food safety legislation requiring farms to prevent wildlife from accessing the farms. Ms. Butch will provide more information as it becomes available.
- **Stewardship:** Ms. Butch explained that there is a beaver problem at the dam at Millstone Park again. The beaver trapping season is now over. Going forward, properties subject to beaver infestation and damage should be inspected by October to determine if there is a problem. This will permit time to make arrangements to bring trappers in during the brief trapping season.
- **Review Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Applications:** Nothing to report.

At 7:56 pm a Motion was made by Mr. Kau with a Second offered by Mr. Marra and by unanimous vote the Council moved to executive session.

At 8:03 pm the Council returned to regular session. Having no further business to discuss, a Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kau with a Second offered by Ms. Siedman and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Maher
Council Secretary