

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COUNCIL
THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024
215 Millstone Road, Millstone Twp.
MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Scott called the Meeting to Order at 7:36 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

READING OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

The adequate notice was read by Secretary DeFelice.

ROLL CALL:

Present: (8) - Mr. Blackwell, Ms. Haper, Mr. Madeam, Mr. Mamrega, Ms. Ming, Mr. Pado, Ms. Scott, Mr. Ziner

Absent: (3) Ms. Butewicz, Ms. Leineek, Ms. Talyansky

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chairperson Scott opened the public comment portion of the meeting at 7:38PM and closed at 7:38PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 25, 2024

Chairperson Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from January 25, 2024 and Councilperson Ziner offered a second.

Roll Call: Mr. Blackwell, Mr. Mamrega, Ms. Ming, Mr. Pado, Ms. Scott and Mr. Ziner voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Millstone Twp Historic Preservation Commission – The Council reviewed the request from the Historic Preservation Commission to apply for a grant to prepare an application to have the Baird House and the St. James AME Church and cemetery registered as historic sites. The Council voted in favor of a letter of support for this project.

OLD BUSINESS:

SPRING ROAD –

- **REMEDIATION:** The LSRP for the contractor wanted to revise the PAR that was already approved by Green Acres to add additional AOCs (Area of Concern). Green Acres confirmed that only a site specific remediation is needed.
- **FARM LEASE:** Bid went out February 28th. Awarded to Infante.

BARNEGAT BAY PRESERVE – Contractor broke ground. Clearing out area for path and boardwalk. The parking lot will be completed last.

MILLSTONE PARK PHASE II – Need to confirm that this has been closed out.

CLARKSBURG CULTURAL CENTER – Mr. Blackwell noted that a second contractor will be brought in to complete the sidewalk and parking lot.

BAIRD GREENHOUSE – Nothing to report.

MILLSTONE PARK PAVILLION GRANT – The next funding round period is currently open for Monmouth County Municipal Park Improvement Grant. The deadline for submission is July 11, 2024.

ABATE PARK – Repairs to Abate Park need to be completed. A quote was received to repair the basketball and tennis courts only. The estimate was under \$200,000 but did not include the wall repair or any work on the trail or parking lot. The council discussed the scope of the repair in the quote and felt that it was not sufficient to address the repairs required. Specific quote information was moved to executive session.

NEW BUSINESS:

ROSI: The ROSI needs to be updated to add any additional Green Acres purchased properties and additional easements.

BROOKSIDE ROAD B60.02, Lots 11.01-11.06; 3.02; 19; 22-24: A walk through was completed on the properties. Trails are marked out. There are a few DEP violations due to man made bridges over the wetlands. CMV was \$440,000. Offer was \$660,000. Monmouth County contributing \$310,000. Green Acres would contribute between \$220,000 - \$242,000. Open Space would contribute \$108,000 - \$130,000.

EVENTS:

- Clambake set for Sunday, June 2 at Wagner Farm Park Gym. 1:00 -3:00 and 3:30-5:30. Sponsor letter needs to be approved. Beef kabob was added to the menu. Estimated cost is \$200-\$250.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE REPORT – Bond payment for the Millstone Park purchase comes out of the Trust. Other expenses are for the other Open Space, Recreation and Historic projects currently underway.

PLANNING BOARD – The owner of the old Hole in One Golf Center is looking at putting in a warehouse on the property. Needs to meet setbacks and sound ordinance requirements.

No other committee reports.

At 8:45 p.m., Chairperson Scott made a motion to leave the regular session and enter into Executive. Mr. Pado offered a second.

At 9:04 p.m the Council returned to the Regular Meeting.

Chairperson Kelly Scott offered her resignation as Chairperson and a Councilperson since she will be leaving Millstone.

Vice Chairperson Blackwell asked for nominations for Chairperson. Committeeperson Ziner nominated Christine Harper. Councilperson Madeam offered a second. The Council voted in favor.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Ziner at 9:07PM and seconded by Mr. Pado.

Respectfully Submitted
Andrew DeFelice, Open Space Preservation Council Secretary