

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP  
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MAY 25, 2021  
MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Butch called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

Chairperson Butch read the adequate notice.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Ms. Butch, Ms. Butewicz, Mr. Asprocolas,  
Deputy Mayor Grbelja, Township Committee Liaison

**ABSENT:** Ms. Posten, Mr. Peck

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Chairperson Butch opened the meeting for public comment at 7:40pm. Seeing no public in attendance, the meeting was closed for public comment at 7:41pm.

**MEETING MINUTES:** Minutes from the previous meeting were not presented. Ms. Butewicz motioned to table the minutes. Chairperson Butch seconded.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

No correspondence.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**2021 Funding Round** – The State of NJ is owed some paperwork to be eligible for the next round of funding. Chairperson Butch spoke with Business Administrator Abernathy regarding the renewal of the contract with the Monmouth Conservation Foundation. This will go before the Township Committee.

**Deer Management** - Chairperson Butch noted that the NJ Farm Bureau is looking at providing funding for fencing to protect crops from deer. Mr. Asprocolas noted that the deer population is an issue that goes beyond protecting crops. A hunting program is needed to help reduce the deer population. Vice Chair Butewicz will reach out to Hunters Against Hunger regarding incorporating a bow hunting program.

**Park in the Park Movie Nights-** Chairperson Butch mentioned that Kelly Scott from Open Space will be managing movie nights again. A schedule will be out shortly

**Newsletter:** The current newsletter looks good and should be in the mail.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Clarksburg Cultural Center** - Chairperson Butch noted that the Agricultural Advisory Council is being asked to write a letter of support for the municipal grant for the Clarksburg Cultural Center. This is a resubmittal from 2 years ago.

Mr. Asprocolas moved to provide a letter of support. Vice Chair Butewicz provided a second and the Council unanimously approved.

Barnegat Bay Stewardship Grant – Chairperson Butch noted that this grant is being written by individuals with the Open Space Preservation Council for the stewardship and creation of a trail in the Barnegat Bay Preserve. This will serve as an educational trail that will highlight the endangered species and focus on wetlands conservation. Vice Chair Butewicz moved to provide a letter of support. Mr. Asprocolas provided a second. The Council voted unanimously to approve.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Ms. Butewicz made a motion to adjourn the regular session and enter into the Executive Session. Mr. Asprocolas offered a Second and the Council unanimously moved to executive session at 7:59 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Asprocolas moved to adjourn the meeting immediately following the Executive Session. Vice Chair Butewicz offered a second. The Council voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,