

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COUNCIL
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022
MEETING MINUTES**

The Millstone Township Open Space Preservation Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. was held using the Zoom Video Conferencing platform. Members of the public had the option to attend the meeting either by electronic device or by dialing in via telephone. This information was provided on the Township Website and on the Open Space Preservation Council Agenda.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Scott called the Meeting to Order at 7:41 p.m.

READING OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

The adequate notice was read by Secretary DeFelice: Let the minutes show that adequate notice of this meeting, as required by P. L. 1975, Chapter 231, has been provided by publication in The Asbury Park Press and The Times of Trenton, and posted on the Township bulletin board and filed with the Township Clerk on February 18, 2022.

ROLL CALL:

Present: (6) Blackwell, Morelli, Scott, Smith, Riggin, Ziner

Absent: (4) Avila, Butewicz, Davis, Madeam

MOTION TO GO TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS: Chairperson Scott made a motion to switch back to in-person meetings beginning with next month's meeting, April 28th. Councilperson Riggin seconds the motion. Everyone votes in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chairperson Scott opened the public comment portion of the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Seeing no public, she closed that portion of the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 27, 2022

Chairperson Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from January 27, 2022 and Councilperson Blackwell offered a second.

Roll Call: Morelli, Scott and Smith voted in favor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 24, 2022

Chairperson Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from February 24, 2022 and Councilperson Ziner offered a second.

Roll Call: Blackwell, Scott, Riggin and Ziner voted in favor

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

BARNEGAT BAY PRESERVE – Lisa Rosati forwarded a letter with the action items that need to be updated for the grant. A copy was distributed to the Council. This grant project is in need of a project lead.

NEW BUSINESS:

CHALLENGER PLAYGROUND – Millstone received a CBDG (Community Development Block Grant)

for \$168,158.00 to build an all inclusive playground at Millstone Park. The base cost of the lowest bid is \$225,000. Additional features that would provide a better experience for children would add another \$74,600. The Council reviewed the playground design and location. The Township is looking for approval from the council to exceed the grant amount by approximately \$130,000. The Council agreed that the playground should include the additional components.

MILLSTONE PARK PHASE II GRANT- Councilperson Riggini asked about the status of closing out the current open grant for the Park. Chairperson Scott noted that the Township will need approximately \$40,000 to complete the remaining items committed to in the current grant. This grant will need to be closed out before additional grants can be applied for. The Council agreed to allocate the additional funds.

DOCTORS CREEK TRAIL- The Doctors Creek Trail was mapped out several years ago but has never been completed. Part of the trail was dependent on the completion of Millstone Park. The trail goes around both the developed area of the Park and the undeveloped farmed area of the Park. It travels down Yellow Meeting House Road to the old Lichtman property that is now owned by the State. The State of NJ has mowed the 2 open fields on Yellow Meeting House Road but the trail has never been completely marked out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE – No Report given

FUNDRAISING – Clam Bake –Sunday, May 22nd. Ticket prices were raised to \$50 due to the significant increase in seafood prices. Child ticket prices were raised to \$15 from \$10. Council approved the flyer and pricing. Agreed to keep the Take Out option.

GRANT WRITING – Nothing to Report

STEWARDSHIP – DPW is working on clearing and marking the Buono Trail. Kelly and Sandy will go out to steward the trail with DPW. After the Buono trail, we will focus on the Doctors Creek Trail. Jeff and Diane volunteered to assist with marking out the trail.

PLANNING BOARD – The COAH application for Route 571 was continued to May 11th. The Black Bear request was pushed to the April Twp meeting.

At 8:31 p.m., Chairperson Scott made a motion to leave the regular session and enter into Executive Session. Councilperson Smith offered a second. By unanimous vote the Council left the Regular Session and entered into Executive Session.

At 9:02p.m the Council returned to the Regular Meeting.

Seeing no further business, Chairperson Scott made a motion to adjourn and Councilperson Ziner offered a Second. Meeting adjourned at 9:04p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Andrew DeFelice, Open Space Preservation Council Secretary