

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP  
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2022  
215 Millstone Road, Millstone Twp.  
MEETING MINUTES**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Scott called the Meeting to Order at 7:35 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 April 22, 2022.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: (6) Blackwell, Davis, Madeam, Scott, Smith, Ziner

Absent: (3) Butewicz, Morelli, Rigglin,

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Chairperson Scott opened the public comment portion of the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Seeing no public, she closed that portion of the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** April 28, 2022

Chairperson Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from April 28, 2022 and Councilperson Ziner offered a second.

Roll Call: Blackwell, Davis, Scott, Smith and Ziner voted in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**BARNEGAT BAY PRESERVE** – The Township engineer is looking into obtaining a Community Development Block Grant to offset the cost of providing the ADA access to the Preserve walkway and bird blind. The Council reviewed plans to relocate the regular parking access across the street to reduce the amount of soil disturbance needed on the main lot to provide safe parking. The lot across the street belongs to the Township and is being developed for housing. The parking lot can serve both the housing residents and the Barnegat Preserve. This would help reduce costs. Handicapped parking is being considered on the Elks property adjacent to the Barnegat Preserve lot. This would also allow for a better incline access to the preserve. The Elks are currently considering expanding their handicapped parking and the township is negotiating a joint venture. We are waiting for final approval from the Millstone Elks to provide an easement for this option. Lisa Rosati and Matt Shaffai will be meeting with the DEP regarding the location of the boardwalk along the water.

**CHALLENGER PLAYGROUND** – The contractor is waiting for the materials to arrive in order to begin. Expecting mid August start.

**MILLSTONE PARK PHASE II GRANT**- The Township Ad Hoc Committee will be reviewing the steps necessary to complete the Phase II grant. Two backstops, safety fencing, 2 diamonds, 2 pitching mounds, 2 bocce courts and 2 horseshoe pits have yet to be constructed. The estimate is between

100,000 and 150,000 to complete. Chairperson Scott noted that the quality of work performed to date at the park has been subpar.

CLARKSBURG CULTURAL CENTER – No information available

DOCTORS CREEK TRAIL- This trail wraps around Millstone Park and goes down Yellow Meeting House Road to the old Lichtman property that is managed by the State. At the end of the current growing season, we should mark out the rest of the trail around the park. The Spring Road property purchase will allow for expansion of the trail. A trail head should be established on either Spring Road or at the new shed area that will allow for trailers to pull through.

BAIRDSVILLE TRAIL – Green Acres wants a sign installed on the Livak Trail. The Livak trail connects to the Horzepa trail but does not go out to Forman Road. A bridal easement from Horzepa goes out to Roberts Road. The other end of the Bairdsville Trail starts near Wagner Farm Park across the street under the power lines. This trail was stewarded 3 years ago by Kelly Scott. A location for the Green Acres sign has to be determined

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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Drone – Secretary DeFelice has been asked to look into the drone registration.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

NEWSLETTER – Open Space will need to get articles written for the Fall Newsletter. Kelly and Amy will do a joint letter from the Chairs for Open Space and Agriculture. Gene will write an article on Millstone Wildlife. Sandy will write an article on Migration. Ag Council will be asked to provide 1-2 articles. Shade Tree will be asked to write an article on the Twp tree ordinance. Rough drafts need to be ready by August 1<sup>st</sup> timeframe.

FINANCE – Report moved to Executive session

FUNDRAISING – The Clambake netted approximately \$6,700 even with low sponsorship and high seafood prices.

GRANT WRITING – Matt Shaffai working on CDBG for ADA access to the Barnegat Preserve. Monmouth Conservation could provide funding for a future Arboretum and Pavillion at Millstone Park. Shade Tree was asked to work with recreation and Open Space to come up with a comprehensive plan.

STEWARDSHIP – Chairperson Scott and Councilperson Smith will steward the Horzepa – Livak trail.

PLANNING BOARD – Last few meetings mostly discussed the warehouse development. Next week, the proposed COAH development on Perrineville Road will be discussed.

**EVENTS:**

Landowner Meet & Greet – The Agricultural Council is looking at holding this event on either Monday, November 14 or Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Looking at having it at the Millstone Elks lodge.

Monmouth Conservation Training – Chairperson Scott is discussing with Jenna at Monmouth Conservation on having a presentation and training scheduled for the September meeting.

At 9:10 p.m., Committeeperson Davis made a motion to leave the regular session and enter into Executive Session. Chairperson Scott offered a second. By unanimous vote the Council left the Regular Session and entered into Executive Session.

At 9:52p.m the Council returned to the Regular Meeting.

Seeing no further business, Chairperson Scott made a motion to adjourn and Councilperson Madeam offered a Second. Meeting adjourned at 9:52p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Andrew DeFelice, Open Space Preservation Council Secretary