

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COUNCIL
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022
215 Millstone Road, Millstone Twp.
MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Scott called the Meeting to Order at 7:36 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, Riggin, Scott, Smith

Absent: (3) Butewicz, Morelli, Ziner

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chairperson Scott opened the public comment portion of the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Pat Butch, 40 Prodelin Way, representing the Historic Preservation Commission

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 28, 2022

Committeeperson Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from July 28, 2022 and Councilperson Blackwell offered a second.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Green Acres has approved our reimbursement request for the Perl Acres property that was purchased over 11 years ago. The reimbursement amount is \$436,960.00.

OLD BUSINESS:

SPRING ROAD – The Spring Road property purchase is still on hold waiting for issues with obtaining clear title to be resolved. Chairperson Scott has requested confirmation in writing that the 120 day finance contingency clause be extended or re-set due to seller's failure to provide clear title.

BARNEGAT BAY PRESERVE – We are in the process of getting permits for the boardwalk and bird blind area that encroaches on the flood line area. We are also getting approval for the relocation of the Handicapped parking area.

CHALLENGER PLAYGROUND – As soon as the equipment arrives, the installers will begin. Expecting end of September.

MILLSTONE PARK PHASE II GRANT- The Township will be installing the Bocce and Horseshoe pits. Waiting for quotes on the baseball field cut outs and fencing. New estimate of additional costs to complete the grant items coming close to 200,000.

CLARKSBURG CULTURAL CENTER – Monmouth County had suggested that the Historic Preservation Commission break down their initial grant request into multiple phases. The current bid has 3 components. Site Work, Foundation and Building. Contractors can bid on one or all three

components. The Phase 1 grant that already received funding approval would cover the septic, foundation and site work. The building would be covered under the second phase. Hopefully lumber prices will come down when phase 2 is ready to move forward. When finished, the Clarksburg Cultural Center will provide Millstone Township with an Interpretive Center and needed parking and bathrooms to the adjacent historic church. There will also be a bicycle repair station for the many cyclists that travel through Millstone. Councilperson Smith made a motion to support the grant request for the 2nd phase of the CCC. Councilperson Madeam provided a second. All voted in favor. Chairperson Scott will provide the Historic Commission with a letter of support.

NEW BUSINESS:

LEIBOWITZ PROPERTY – Offered the CMV from Green Acres. Monmouth County is partnering on this purchase. Waiting a decision on the request to keep sign on the property.

INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE – The Historic Commission and Friends of Historic Millstone Properties received a grant for interpretive signage and historical programming for Baird House and the AME Church/Woodville area. The grant is for \$50,000 and would be matched with \$16,000 from Open Space funds. Stakeholders meetings will be held in late September/early October.

SIDEWALK NEAR MIDDLE SCHOOL – The Township is looking at creating a crosswalk and sidewalk from the middle school to Baird House. The narrow bridge at that location would also be expanded and improved upon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NEWSLETTER – Ms. Riggin will be sending her article in shortly. Monmouth Conservation will have their article submitted by September 15th. Mr. Madeam is still working on his article. He researched Millstone wildlife and will get the article in by September 15th. Ms. Butch will provide an article regarding the recent deer count that was done by the Agricultural Council. Historic Commission already submitted an article on their recent grant. Ms. Scott will provide the cover article. Ms. Butch will reach out to Ms. Rosati for an article on the Barnegat Bay Preserve. The back page will list upcoming events.

FUNDRAISING – Nothing to Report

GRANT WRITING – Nothing to Report

STEWARDSHIP – Nothing to Report

PLANNING BOARD – Nothing to report

EVENTS:

Landowner Meet & Greet – Scheduled for Thursday, November 17th at Millstone Community Center. Speakers from SADC, Monmouth County and Green Acres will be invited.

Monmouth Conservation Training – Jenna Cosimo at Monmouth Conservation Foundation will present at the September meeting on Thursday, September 22nd.

Millstone Day – Sunday, September 18th. Open Space will have a booth. Ms. Riggin offered to

represent the council. Anyone else, please let Secretary DeFelice know.

At 8:19 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 9:27 p.m the Council returned to the Regular Meeting.

Seeing no further business, Chairperson Scott made a motion to adjourn and Committeeperson Davis offered a Second. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Andrew DeFelice, Open Space Preservation Council Secretary