

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP  
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023  
215 Millstone Road, Millstone Twp.  
MEETING MINUTES**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Scott called the Meeting to Order at 7:37 p.m.

**READING OF ADEQUATE NOTICE**

The adequate notice was read by Secretary DeFelice:

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: (7), Blackwell, Butewicz, Madeam, Ming, Morelli, Scott, Ziner

Absent: (2), Davis, Smith,

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No public. Opened and closed at 7:38 PM

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** January 26, 2023

Vice-Chairperson Blackwell made a motion to approve the minutes from January 26, 2023 and Councilperson Ziner offered a second.

Roll Call: Mr. Blackwell, Ms. Butewicz, Mr. Madeam, Ms. Ming, Ms. Morelli, Ms. Scott, and Mr. Ziner voted in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** NONE

**OLD BUSINESS:**

SPRING ROAD – Site Investigation came up with elevated lead levels in multiple test spots around the old storage building location. Additional testing required to delineate the extent of the contamination. Right now, we are looking at a 10x20 area for remediation. We also need to decommission an old well.

BARNEGAT BAY PRESERVE – Councilperson Ziner noted that the planning board received an application for development across the street from the Barnegat Bay Preserve lot 9.01. The road will need to be widened on both sides of the street. How will this impact the project? Chairperson Scott replied that the road widening should not have an impact since the parking for the Preserve won't be on Lot 9.01.

CHALLENGER PLAYGROUND – Playground completed and open.

MILLSTONE PARK PHASE II GRANT- Councilperson Ziner attended the Ad Hoc meeting for the park. The hard court repairs are complete. The engineer is waiting to see how the repairs hold over the winter. There was no action taken on filing for an extension for the grant. The costs of the fencing for the ball fields will be approximately \$299,000. The scope of the project keeps on increasing. The outfield fencing was added to the original project. The Township is going with 6 gauge fence. A new Christmas tree was installed but the irrigation issue was not resolved. Hopefully, this tree survives. Bocce frame is installed and should be completed in the next several weeks. Horseshoe pits and tether ball are ready to be installed. The youth hockey rink still needs to be put

down. The storage shed still needs to be partitioned.

The walking/riding trail will be extended to make a complete loop. This is not part of the grant and a special grant was applied for to complete this project.

CLARKSBURG CULTURAL CENTER – Vice Chairperson Blackwell noted that the old Cady house was torn down. Foundation of new structure should begin soon. Looking at options for relocating the power lines and pole near the church.

WINDMILL AND GREENHOUSE – Vice Chairperson Blackwell noted that they are still discussing the options for the Baird Greenhouse.

**NEW BUSINESS:** NONE

**EVENTS:**

NEWSLETTER- Ag Council is taking the lead with the Spring newsletter. The Windmill article and pictures will take up 2 pages. The Clambake will be advertised.

CLAMBAKE - The Clambake will be held on Sunday, June 4, 2023 at Wagner Farm Park. Everyone is expected to participate.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

GRANT WRITING – Nothing to report

STEWARDSHIP – Need to identify old trails that have not been done recently. White Birch and Orchards were stewarded recently and pictures and data sheets given to DPW. Need to look at Shield Road, Bairdsville and 2 other trails.

PLANNING BOARD – Already discussed under Barnegat Bay.

At 8:24 p.m., Chairperson Scott made a motion to leave the regular session and enter into Executive Session. Mr. Ziner offered a second.

At 8:52 p.m the Council returned to the Regular Meeting.

Seeing no further business, Chairperson Scott made a motion to adjourn and Councilperson Morelli offered a Second. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Andrew DeFelice, Open Space Preservation Council Secretary