

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COUNCIL
THURSDAY, April 27, 2023
215 Millstone Road, Millstone Twp.
MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Scott called the Meeting to Order at 7:33 p.m.

READING OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

The adequate notice was read by Secretary DeFelice:

ROLL CALL:

Present: (5), Blackwell, Butewicz, Ming, Scott, Ziner

Absent: (4), Davis, Madeam, Morelli, Smith,

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public. Opened and closed at 7:35 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 23, 2023

Councilperson Butewicz made a motion to approve the minutes from February 23, 2023 and Councilperson Ming offered a second.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

SPRING ROAD – Additional testing required to delineate the extent of the lead contamination. Extension granted until mid- June. Depth of lead contamination is a concern. Once the full extent is understood, the cost of remediation can be estimated. Purchase order just went out.

BARNEGAT BAY PRESERVE – Still waiting for final approval to place handicapped parking at the Elks property. No word on DEP confirmation of boardwalk location.

MILLSTONE PARK PHASE II GRANT- The Township has added the cost of the outfield fencing to the scope and cost of the project for the ball fields. Chairperson Scott requested that the Open Space Council go on record as opposing the additional costs without any attempt to apply for another grant to leverage the money being spent.

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 – 2 grants have been awarded for matching 350,000.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

CLARKSBURG SCHOOL (MUNICIPAL BLDG) – A historic grant is being written to provide for improvements to the old Clarksburg Schoolhouse. The original exterior, inside floors and improvements to the basement. A letter of support will be written by the Chair.

EVENTS:

NEWSLETTER- Newsletter was mailed out April 14th.

CLAMBAKE - The Clambake will be held on Sunday, June 4, 2023 at Wagner Farm Park. Everyone is expected to participate. We are looking for a chef experienced with seafood. Chairperson Kelly and Councilperson Ming will reach out to culinary schools and seafood locations.

WEEKEND AT OLD MONMOUTH – May 5th & 6th. Highlights historic locations and buildings around Monmouth County. The Baird House is one of the locations listed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GRANT WRITING – Nothing to report

STEWARDSHIP – Chairperson Scott will be reaching out to everyone who said they can assist.

PLANNING BOARD – The warehouse being built across from the Barnegat Bay Preserve property on Burnt Tavern road will require road widening and traffic flow improvements to that road. There is also an application to place a warehouse structure over where the Hole in One Golf business used to be on Route 33. The location will be near the center of the property which is approximately 42 acres. They are requesting a variance to reduce the setback from 800' to 500'.

At 7:58 p.m., Chairperson Scott made a motion to leave the regular session and enter into Executive Session. Mr. Blackwell offered a second.

At 8:26 p.m the Council returned to the Regular Meeting.

Seeing no further business, Chairperson Scott made a motion to adjourn and Councilperson Ming offered a Second. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Andrew DeFelice, Open Space Preservation Council Secretary