

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COUNCIL
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024
215 Millstone Road, Millstone Twp.
MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Scott called the Meeting to Order at 7:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

READING OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

The adequate notice was read by Secretary DeFelice.

ROLL CALL:

Present: (9) - Mr. Blackwell, Ms. Leineek (7:37), Mr. Mamrega (7:37), Ms. Ming, Mr. Pado, Ms. Scott, Ms. Talyansky, Mr. Ziner

Absent: (3) Ms. Butewicz, Ms. Harper, Mr. Madeam

OATH OF OFFICE: The Oath of Office was given to Ms. Leineek and Mr. Mamrega by Mr. Ziner.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chairperson Scott opened the public comment portion of the meeting at 7:38PM and closed at 7:38PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 25, 2024

Chairperson Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from January 25, 2024 and Councilperson Pado offered a second.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Paul Kenny, LSRP who is subcontracted to remediate the Spring Road property recently purchased has been in contact regarding the review of the previous environmental report and registering the site with the DEP. He is expected to visit the site this week. Mr. Blackwell questioned why they would put in a bid before visiting the site.

OLD BUSINESS:

SPRING ROAD –

- **REMEDICATION:** The LSRP has registered the site with the DEP. Waiting for them to visit site and begin work.
- **FARM LEASE:** Bid went out yesterday and the bid opening is scheduled for March 12.

BARNEGAT BAY PRESERVE – The Township has 2 grants for this project. A matching grant of \$108,330.00 and a CDBG grant for \$168,231.00 for ADA components. The educational component of the grant is not part of the contract and will need to be worked on by our Council. The Historic Commission uses a company, Hunter Research, to research signage for the historic properties. We can reach out to them for a quote on the educational component. Mr. Mamrega will oversee the educational component.

MILLSTONE PARK PHASE II – No communication about the status of the closeout for Phase II. Mr.Pado noted that the new section of trail was washing out near the boat ramp area due to the way

the water drains toward the pond.

CLARKSBURG CULTURAL CENTER – Mr. Blackwell noted that working with the contractor for this project has been difficult. The sidewalk and stone parking area still need to be installed and will be contracted out separately. Most of what is being completed should be covered by matching grants. The stained glass windows on the church are being repaired.

BAIRD GREENHOUSE – Nothing to report.

MILLSTONE PARK PAVILLION GRANT – Nothing to report. The next funding round period is currently open for Monmouth County Municipal Park Improvement Grant. The deadline for submission is July 11, 2024.

ABATE PARK – Repairs to Abate Park have not moved forward. Still waiting for cost estimates from the Twp Administrator.

NEW BUSINESS:

SPRING NEWSLETTER: The next newsletter is organized by the Ag council. They should have enough articles. Ms. Butch is writing articles on Two Rivers mushroom farm and recent legislation impacting farming and preserved properties. Ms. Butewicz is writing articles on Bamboo and other invasive species and the letter from the chair. Ms. Butch was going to get an article from Ms. Marks regarding bird research.

EVENTS:

- Clambake set for Sunday, June 2 at Wagner Farm Park Gym. 12 -2 and 2:30-4:30 (last year 1-3 and 3:30-5:30). Approved raising the price on an adult ticket by additional \$5.00 to \$55.00. child ticket remains the same.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE REPORT – As of January 31st, the Trust has over \$2.6 million. We should be getting reimbursed for the Millstone Park Phase II from the County Parks Grant which was \$250,000 and \$60,000 from Green Acres for the purchase of the 195 Holding property. Expecting funding from the Monmouth County Park System grant for the Spring Road property purchase in the amount of \$665,000. That grant has not received final approval yet.

No other committee reports.

At 8:48 p.m., Chairperson Scott made a motion to leave the regular session and enter into Executive. Mr. Pado offered a second.

At 9:30 p.m the Council returned to the Regular Meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Chairperson Scott and seconded by Mr. Ziner.

Respectfully Submitted
Andrew DeFelice, Open Space Preservation Council Secretary