

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024
215 Millstone Road, Millstone Twp.
MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Harper called the Meeting to Order at 7:57 p.m.

READING OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

The adequate notice was read by Secretary DeFelice.

ROLL CALL:

Present: (5) - Mr. Blackwell, Ms. Harper, Ms. Leineek, Mr. Mamrega, Ms. Ming,

Absent: (5) Ms. Butewicz, Mr. Madeam, Mr. Pado, Ms. Talyansky, Mr. Ziner

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Opened public comment portion of the meeting at 7:59PM.

Gina and Daniel Velasquez from COG were present to discuss volunteer services. Their organization follows the United Nations sustainable development goals (SDGs). Environmental sustainability is one of those SDGs. Tree planting, park, trail and stream cleanup projects support that goal. They can provide the volunteer resources to assist Millstone Township with those type of projects.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 25, 2024

Vice-Chairperson Blackwell made a motion to approve the minutes from April 25, 2024 and Councilperson Mamrega offered a second.

Roll Call: Mr. Blackwell, Ms. Leineek, Mr. Mamrega and Ms. Ming voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

SPRING ROAD –

- **REMEDIATION:** The rear block wall of the old foundation is still in place and will need to be removed by the contractor before the project can be closed out.

BARNEGAT BAY PRESERVE – Chairperson Harper visited the site and walked the path. It is about 60% complete. The signage needs to be completed. There is no contract in place yet. The council needs to determine the number of signs, verbiage, size and material to generate quotes. It was determined to have 1 sign at the entrance, 1 sign at the Y in path, 1 sign at the observation area and 1 additional sign somewhere along the path. Hunter Research is currently doing signs for the Historic Commission. Ms. Harper has a contact for a sign company and the Township can look into the shared service with Monmouth County for a quote. The council needs to determine what verbiage and pictures to add. A discussion ensued about concerns over the lack of a designated area for parking across the street. If parking isn't complete, people will try to park in the Elks property.

MILLSTONE PARK PHASE II – No idea if this has been finally closed out.

CLARKSBURG CULTURAL CENTER – Nothing to discuss.

BAIRD GREENHOUSE – No firm plans yet.

MILLSTONE PARK PAVILLION GRANT – This would be a \$500,000 matching grant from Monmouth County Parks and Recreation. It gets awarded around October. The pavilion and bathrooms would be located between the 2 retention basins closer to the baseball fields.

ABATE PARK – The Township has been promising to make repairs to Abate Park for some time. The council will take pictures to document the issues. The Parks and Recreation Commission needs to take the lead. Chairperson Harper will attend Recreation Commission meeting to request joint motion.

BROOKSIDE ROAD PROJECT – Block 60.02, Lots 3.02; 11.01-11.06; 19; 22-24. Waiting for corrected survey from Monmouth County before moving forward with PASI. There is access to the trails on the properties from Squan Road. The property will need to be managed by Millstone Township. Councilperson Mamrega will do a walk through of the property.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Shade Tree Commission -Shade Tree was looking to create a tree memorial program with trees being planted at Millstone Park. There needs to be a master plan so all commissions are on the same page with what will be planted/developed at the park. Councilperson Mamrega will get more information on Shade Tree's plans.

EVENTS:

- Clambake- cancelled.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE REPORT –No Report Available.

No other committee reports.

At 9:06 p.m., Vice-Chairperson Blackwell made a motion to leave the regular session and enter into Executive. Seconded by Mr. Mamrega

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Harper and seconded by Ms. Ming. Meeting adjourned at 9:20PM

Respectfully Submitted
Andrew DeFelice, Open Space Preservation Council Secretary