

Millstone Township Shade Tree Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2021
7:30 p.m.

Attendees: Rene Peerboom (RP)
Victoria Talyansky (VT)
Scott D'Amico (SD)
Bruce Wolf (BW)
Ellen Terry (ET)
Michael McLaughlin (MM) (Liason)
Lisa Rosati (LR) (Consultant)

Meeting was called to order @ 7:30p.m.

New Business

- STD committee members took a vote on titles and responsibilities.
Rene Peerboom – President
Scott D'Amico – Vice President
Bruce Wolf – Treasurer
Victoria Talyansky – Secretary
Ellen Terry – Member
- Lisa discussed NJDEP Urban and Community Forestry Requirements. Millstone was not compliant in 2020. STC needs to accumulate a total of 8 CEUs from at least 2 people, have an Arbor Day celebration, start working on goals of Community Forestry Management Plan, have two CORE trained individuals representing Millstone Township and file an annual accomplishment report at the end of the year to regain compliance for 2021.
- Find out from Pam where we left off on the tree inventory.
- Lisa recommended to work with I-tree for Tree Inventory.
- Arbor Day 2021 – Scott and Bruce will donate trees and will ask other nursesey owners to donate a few other trees.
- We will plant a tree at the Millstone Township building and another tree at the middle school.
- Rene suggested that we start planting trees in Millstone Park.
- Bruce suggested to plant sugar maple trees in Millstone Park to have kids come in in the future to tap into the Sugar Maple and make Maple syrup (trees are called Super Sweet)
- Rene said to find out from Pam if we can change date of meetings and use room for meetings (anyone who is unable to make the meeting in person can participate Via Zoom)
- Do budget for 2021 – send our budget to everyone from 2020

- Rene – Recommends getting permit and filling out permit for STC, anyone cutting trees STC needs to know about it.
- Putting monetary value on trees that people cut without permits. No ordinance at this time.
- Heritage Trees – Where do we stand on Heritage tree resolution – has township passed a new ordinance?
- Planting detention basins/retention basins – Landscape Ordinance covers requirements.
 - Get from Pam - Tree clearing ordinance
 - Landscaping Ordinance
 - Sitework/planting Ordinance
 - Copy 5 year Plan

Meeting Adjourned; 9:00 PM

Next meeting: February 10, 2021

Meeting Minutes Adopted: October 13, 2021