

Millstone Township Shade Tree Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2021
7:30 p.m.

Due to COVID-19, the Millstone Township Shade Tree Commission meeting was held via Zoom.

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

Meeting was called to order @ 7:35 p.m.

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Old Business

Arbor Day Celebration – Members Bruce, Victoria and Michael McLaughlin informed the group that the Arbor Day celebration was a huge success.

- Two Sugar Maple trees donated by Bruce & Debbie Wolf (Wolf's Den Nursery) were planted at Millstone Park.

- One Red Maple tree donated by ANT Nursery was planted at the Middle School. A group of students were in attendance and spoke about the importance of trees.
- One Pear tree donated by Gasko's Family Farm in Monroe was planted at the municipal building. Committeeman McLaughlin and staff were in attendance.
- Michael informed the STC that the school hopes to make the celebration at the Middle School a yearly occurrence.
- Gator bags will be ordered and installed on all newly planted trees by DPW. Gator bags will be filled by DPW and volunteers. Bruce offered to help fill bags on the Sugar Maples at Millstone Park.

Continuing Business

Community Forestry Management Goals

- STC CEU requirements. Lisa provided a link to available NJUCF CEU's to members. A total of 8 CEUs are required for the year and at least 2 people must obtain CEUs. If attending a webinar or class that qualifies, member must sign up for NJUCF credits and specify they are for Millstone Township.
- Tree Inventory – Lisa revisited choosing one or two roads with minimal trees in the ROW for 2021. Lisa provided a listing of NJ Licensed Tree Experts from the NJDEP website which shows qualified individuals who can perform inventory.
- Arboretum at Millstone Park – location still not decided.
- Importance of Public Education and Awareness. STC had a Facebook page previously that was set up by a former member, Phil Cooney. Rene will reach out to Phil so STC can take over the page.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 PM

Next meeting: June 9, 2021

Meeting Minutes Adopted: November 10, 2021