

Millstone Township Shade Tree Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2021
7:30 p.m.

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

Zoom Meeting

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Attendees:	Victoria Talyansky (VT)	Absent: Rene Peerboom (RP)
	Scott D'Amico (SD)	Michael McLaughlin (LIASON)
	Bruce Wolf (BW)	
	Ellen Terry (ET)	
	Lisa Rosati, Township Tree Expert (LR)	

Meeting called to order @ 7:37p.m.

New Business

- Barnegat Bay Preserve Project – Green Acres Stewardship Grant was submitted by Open Space Council. The proposed project includes an ADA accessible environmental education trail on the 12.9 acre parcel. Multiple habitats on site include forested uplands, forested wetlands, emergent and scrub shrub wetlands and a lake. The project will help achieve the Public Education and Awareness goal of the Community Forestry Management Plan. Photos and Concept Plan reviewed. STC submitted formal support letter.

- Township Committee has authorized Township Tree Expert to draft a Tree Removal Ordinance to slow down/limit the recent excessive clearing in the Township.

Old Business

Compliance with NJDEP Urban and Community Forestry (NJUCF) Program Requirements

- NJUCF CEU's – A minimum of 8 CEU's are required by a minimum of 2 people. Lisa presented link to approved classes:
<https://urbanforestry.rutgers.edu/njucfce/continuing-education-opportunities.html>
 - Ellen would like to take **Basic Landscape Integrated Pest Management (IPM)**, online, 3 CEUs
 - Victoria would like to take **Introduction to Pruning Techniques**, online, 1.5 CEUs
 - Scott will attend the NJ Shade Tree Federation Conference, taking both CORE Training and another class TBD.
 - Lisa will email Amanda's contact information for assistance with registration payment.
- CORE Training – Scott will take CORE training at the NJ Shade Tree Federation Conference. Lisa will contact Dan Specht to see if a DPW member will also take CORE training since 2 Township representatives must be CORE trained.
- Tree Inventory – 2021 Tree Inventory should commence soon before autumn leaf drop. Potential roads were discussed. Ephraim Court, Francis Court and Ella Court have been targeted so far.
 - Victoria to call NJ Licensed Tree experts for interest.
 - Scott will scout several more roads in the vicinity to be included in 2021 Inventory.
 - Once at least 3 Tree Experts have expressed interest, a Request For Quote will be sent to all candidates.
- Rene to get in touch with former STC member Phil Cooney who has all the information for the Shade Tree Commission Facebook Page.
- Reviewed Shade Tree budget

Meeting Adjourned at 8:49PM

Next meeting August 11, 2021

Adopted Date: August 11, 2021