

**Millstone Township Shade Tree Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 9, 2022**  
**7:30 p.m.**

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

Attendees:	Scott D'Amico	(SD)	Absent:	Rene Peerboom	(RP)
	Bruce Wolf	(BW)		Victoria Talyansky	(VT)
	Ellen Terry	(ET)			
	Eric Davis	(ED)		Liason	
	Lisa Rosati	(LR)		(Consultant)	

Meeting called to order @ 8:04 p.m.

**Correspondence**

Email correspondence from Bud Reuter of Environmental Commission regarding concerns with the Draft Tree Removal Ordinance. Sent to all STC members.

**Old Business**

Minutes from February 9, 2022 meeting approved. ET motion/BW seconded.

Draft Tree Removal Ordinance and Application. Discussed email comments by EC member and revisions to ordinance and application to address concerns. LR will update ordinance and application and resubmit to STC for review prior to submission to TC.

Arbor Day Celebration plans:

- Date: April 29, 2022
- Place(s): Middle School and Millstone Park (1 tree each)
- Attendees: BW, ET & possibly VT
- Bruce Wolf will donate sugar maple tree. Scott will seek tree donation from local nursery.
- ED will contact Dr. Haas to set up Arbor Day celebration at the Middle School with students.
- ED will contact Scout groups to attend Arbor Day celebration at Millstone Park.
- BW will plant tree at Millstone Park.
- SD will dig planting hole and set tree in place at Middle School before the celebration. Students will finish planting tree. SD will confirm tree is properly backfilled after celebration.
- LR will request Arbor Day proclamation from Mayor.

- VT may possibly be able to take photos and contact the newspaper for coverage.

### **New Business**

Discussed potential grant opportunities & partnerships:

ANJEC – an EC grant up to \$1500.00 which may be used for rain garden. Application is due 5/2/22. ET will partner with an EC member to pursue grant and begin planning rain garden on municipal property. ED will reach out to EC member to initiate contact. Small rain garden at Town Hall is likely location. Rain garden will be educational to encourage residents to build one on their property to address stormwater management.

NJ Shade Tree Federation – grant up to \$2,500.00 but only 1 awardee per year. This grant may be an opportunity when we plan arboretum.

ET discussed necessity of maintenance of future rain garden and arboretum. LR suggested STC work day once a year. Discussed possibility of using Master Gardeners and local arborists as volunteers to assist.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:47 p.m.      BW Motion / ET Seconded

Next meeting: April 13, 2022

Adopted Date: April 13, 2022      VT Motion/ SD Seconded