

**Millstone Township Shade Tree Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 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: Chris Porcello.	(CP)
Victoria Talyansky	(VT)		
Ellen Terry	(ET)		
Bruce Wolf	(BW)		
Eric Davis	(ED)	Liason	
Lisa Rosati	(LR)	(Consultant)	

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

Old Business

Minutes from October 12, 2022 meeting approved. ET motion/VT seconded.

Shade Tree Commission – Since Rene Peerboom, former Chairman, resigned from the STC, Scott D'Amico will fulfill the role of Chairman. Ellen Terry will fulfill the role of Vice Chairwoman.

NJUCF Stewardship Resiliency Grant (**review time 10 minutes**)– SD updated the STC on the following:

- The contractor, Kevin Scibilia, has completed the inventory on 17 roads for 2022. Due to dormancy of trees, Mr. Scibilia will resume the tree inventory in spring of 2023. Scott will provide the STC a list of streets completed via email.

Draft Tree Removal Ordinance – ED informed the STC that no action has taken place by the Township Committee to approve/adopt the ordinance as of this time.

Community Forestry Management Plan Goals – LR presented a list of goals that have been achieved to date and outstanding goals for 2023 including: Tree Disaster Management Plan; Arboretum; Stormwater Management (Rain Garden); and Wildfire Management Plan.

NJUCF Compliance/Accreditation status – LR informed the STC that all required items have been addressed with the exception of submission of an Annual Accomplishment Report which is due 2/15/2023. LR will prepare and submit the report once all billing to the STC 2022 budget has been completed.

New Business

Shade Tree Commission Applicant – SD and ED discussed an application by Steve Koester to become a new STC member. Mr. Koester is a NJ Licensed Tree Expert, Millstone Township resident and a Millstone Township firefighter. The STC unanimously supported his application. ED will discuss with the Township Committee.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:04 p.m. VT Motion / ET Seconded

Next meeting: December 14, 2022

Adopted Date: December 14, 2022 VT Motion / BW Seconded