

**Millstone Township Shade Tree Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2023  
7:30 p.m.**

The Millstone Township Shade Tree Commission meeting was held via Zoom.

**Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6755709146?pwd=TGV4aXZ5RGZEdFJoNGxkYkJ3YVRYQT09>

Meeting ID: 675 570 9146  
Passcode: 123

Attendees:	Scott D'Amico	(SD)	Absent: None
	Ellen Terry	(ET)	
	Victoria Talyansky	(VT).	
	Bruce Wolf	(BW)	
	Steve Koester	(SK)	
	Mary Beckish	(MB)	
	Eric Davis	(ED) Liason	
	Lisa Rosati	(LR) (Consultant)	

Meeting called to order @ 7:32 p.m. Motion VT / Second BW

**Old Business**

Minutes from 1/11/23 meeting approved. SK motion/VT seconded.

Landscape Plan Resubmission Reviewed – 37 Burnt Tavern Road, LLC (P21-16), Block 57, Lots 17.02 & 17.03. LR to prepare and send STC review letter to Planning Board Secretary for distribution to Planning Board, applicant and professionals.

New Millstone Township Shade Tree Commission Facebook Page  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089680700016>

- ED will invite other Township Commission members to Like our page.
- Discussed educational information to add to FB page: insect of the month (including beneficial insects and biological controls), NJUCF Grant Award notification, Street Tree / Tree Risk Inventory project.
- VT will research the cost and benefits to FB Advertising Boost.

## **New Business**

Landscape Plan Review - Six Flags Great Adventure Sign (Z23-01), Block 55, Lot 10.01. Discussion of landscape recommendations for the Zoning Board. LR to prepare and send a Memo to the Zoning Board Secretary for distribution to the Board and Township Engineer.

Rain Garden Project – ET informed the STC that Millstone Park is not a suitable site based on clay soils. Potential sites include the Community Center (without a possibility for \$1500 ANJEC grant) or Wagner Farm Park. ET will lead the search for an appropriate location, all STC members are welcome to join. ET will make a list and get photos for potential locations prior to the March STC meeting.

Route 524 – County ROW – BW informed the STC that a large area of Route 524 has been flagged for potential development or improvement project. ED and ET will reach out to the County for more information.

2023 Shade Tree Commission Budget Request was discussed and a draft budget was completed.

Arbor Day 2023 Celebration –Arbor Day will be held on 4/28/2023 at both the Middle School and Millstone Park. The following tasks will be completed prior to the March STC meeting:

- ED will get permission from the Middle School to hold an Arbor Day celebration there and for a mark out of preferred planting location.
- SD will secure the donation of 1 tree for the Middle School planting.
- BW has offered to donate 1 Sugar Maple tree for Millstone Park.
- ET & MB will attend the Arbor Day celebrations. Other members will check their schedule.
- LR will secure the Township Arbor Day Proclamation.

Misc. – LR will speak to the Township Clerk regarding inclusion of STC articles in the Township Newsletter and obtaining Township ID for STC members.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:02 p.m. SK Motion / VT seconded

Next meeting: March 8, 2023

Adopted Date: March 8, 2023 SK Motion / BW seconded