

**Millstone Township Shade Tree Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
May 10, 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=TGV4aXZ5RGZEdFJoNGxkYkY3YVRYQT09>

Attendees: Ellen Terry (ET)  
Victoria Talyansky (VT)  
Bruce Wolf (BW)  
Mary Beckish (MB)  
Lisa Rosati (LR) (Township Tree Expert/Consultant)

Absent: Steve Koester (SK)  
Eric Davis (ED) (Township Committeeman, Liaison)

Guests: Pat Butch (Agricultural Advisory Council)  
Kate Halka-Posten (Agricultural Advisory Council)

Meeting called to order @ 7:30 p.m. Motion ET / Second VT

**Old Business**

Minutes from 4/19/23 meeting approved. ET motion/VT seconded.

Draft Tree Removal Ordinance – Pat Butch and Kate Halka-Posten addressed the STC requesting a revision to the exemption for farms. STC was in favor of adding some limitations to farms for new non-production areas. PB & KHP agreed to draft a section for inclusion into the draft ordinance.

Arbor Day Celebration recap.

- ET informed the STC that the Arbor Day celebration at the middle school was a great success. Students were very hands on as they helped plant the dogwood tree as well as uncover the root flair of the tree planted in 2022.

- BW and MB informed STC that the Arbor Day celebration at Millstone Park went well, however rain kept Scouts from attending. A sugar maple tree, donated by our own Bruce Wolf, was planted on site.

Tree Brochure from DPW – comments were tabled until the June 14, 2023 meeting.

### **New Business**

Community Forestry Management Goals to achieve in 2023:

- Public Education and Awareness
  - MB informed STC that there is a STEM event at the elementary school on June 6, 2023. VT agreed to prepare brochure for event addressing benefits of trees & proper care. MB would deliver to the school.
  - MB discussed Sustainable NJ Trees for Schools – Regional Greenhouse Initiative. MB signed up for informational meeting for potential grant for the Middle School. Deadline for grant is 7/23/23.
  - MB discussed STC getting a table at the Green Fair on September 28, 2023 to provide information for residents on benefits of trees and proper care.
- Comprehensive Tree Disaster Plan (Storm Damage Assessment/Insect & Disease Management) – tabled for later discussion with entire STC.
- Wildfire Disaster Plan – tabled for later discussion with entire STC.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:16 p.m. ET Motion / BW seconded

Next meeting: June 14, 2023

Adopted Date: June 14, 2023 BW Motion / VT seconded