

**Millstone Township Shade Tree Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2023
7:30 p.m.**

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

Attendees: Ellen Terry (ET)
Victoria Talyansky (VT)
Mary Beckish (MB)
Steve Koester (SK)
Eric Davis (ED) (Township Committeeman, Liaison)
Lisa Rosati (LR) (Township Tree Expert/Consultant)

Absent: Bruce Wolf (BW)

Meeting called to order @ 7:45 p.m. Motion VT / Second SK

Old Business

Minutes from 6/14/23 meeting approved. SK motion/ VT seconded.

Street Tree Inventory update and assignments – LR updated the STC on streets that have been completed to date. The STC reviewed data collected by the contractor including tree ratings and condition identifying all insect and diseases recorded. Related topics to include on the STC FB page were discussed to provide Public Education and Awareness to residents. (15 minutes)

NJUCF Compliance – Education - CEUs and CORE training – LR notified STC members of the educational classes required by STC prior to year-end. ET and SK volunteered to obtain the required 8 CEUs from 2 members. ED volunteered to attend CORE training at the NJ Shade Tree Federation Conference in October 2023.

Tree Removal Ordinance update – ED informed the STC members that the latest revision to the ordinance will be presented to the Township Committee at the first meeting in September.

Millstone Township Green Fair – MB reached out to the STC for volunteers to attend the Green Fair which will be held during Millstone Day at Millstone Park on 9/10/23. Topics to discuss and display at the STC table were finalized including: over-mulching, proper planting, insects and disease, an insect display, potential samples of disease and insects, and a reference book for landscape trees. Attendees include: MB, SK, ET, ED and possibly VT.

CFMP Goals, Wildfire Disaster Plan and Comprehensive Tree Disaster Plan (Storm Damage Assessment/Insect Disease Management – Brief discussion of ideas to start both plans. SK and MB will start collecting materials and update STC at the September and/or October meeting.

Reviewed Revised Plan dated 7/12/2023: JLE, LLC– Block 20, Lot 3.13 (P21-03)

New Business

ED presented a potential new member, Mark Mamrega, to the Shade Tree Commission. A motion was made by SK, seconded by VT to vote in favor of Mr. Mamrega becoming a STC member. All attending members unanimously voted yes: ET, SK, VT and MB. ED will inform the Township Committee.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:04 p.m. SK Motion / VT seconded

Next meeting: September 13, 2023

Adopted Date: September 13, 2023 SK Motion / VT seconded