

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE
REGULAR MEETING – 03-13-2024 MEETING MINUTES
7:30 P.M.
Court Building, 215 Millstone Road, Perrineville, NJ**



IF ANY EC MEMBERS ARE GOING TO BE LATE OR NOT ABLE TO ATTEND, PLEASE GIVE US THE COURTESY OF A PHONE CALL

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – by Chairman D’Amico at 7:35 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Arrived Late</u>
Scott D’Amico	X	o	o
Patricia Basko	X	o	o
Mary Beckish	o	X	o
Mark Mamrega	X	o	o
Victoria Talyansky	X	o	o
Bruce Wolf	X	o	o
Marianne Heyesey, Board Secretary	X	o	o
Committeeperson Eric Davis, Liaison	X	o	o

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – led by Chairman Scott D’Amico

MOMENT OF SILENCE – led by Chairman Scott D’Amico

GUESTS – Mr. Ted Steckback, 508 Stagecoach Road re Tree Removal Permit Application he submitted regarding Heritage Trees.

The Shade Tree needs to see copies of these submissions. Board Secretary will request copies from Nick Procaccini, Code Enforcement & Zoning. The Shade Tree needs to come up with a plan of action to review and submit comments as timely as possible per the Township Tree Ordinance 23-16. Need definition of License Tree Care Operator.

UPDATE FROM COMMITTEEMAN DAVIS (Present)

TC meeting held 02/21/2024 & 03/06/2024. Next meeting scheduled for 03/20/2024. As a point of information to apply for a grant a Licensed Tree Expert is needed.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT – Scott D’Amico

- Email dated 03/05/2024 re Tree Survey for 37 Burnt Tavern Road & Mr. Ken Pape’s letter of 03/12/2024 with Danielle Sims email of 03/12/2024.
- NJDEP – email dated 03/07/2024 – forwarded from Lisa Rosetti. 2022 Resiliency Projects. Is completion expected by 9/6/2024 or are there issues that may require an Extension.

- Mary Beckish has resigned from the Shade Tree Commission effective April 12, 2024, due move out of state.

DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON REPORT - Bruce Wolf

TREASURER’S REPORT – Victoria Talyansky

Shade Tree Budget Account Status as of 02/27/2024 received from Finance Department

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR – None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF 02/14/2024

M/Chairman Scott D’Amico S/Mark Mamrega – to approve meeting minutes of 02/14/2024 reorganization meeting. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence is on file with Board Secretary and all Shade Tree members have received via email.

02/23/2024-Notice of herbicide treatment of invasive plants at Assunpink Wildlife Management Area NJDEP, Watershed & Land Management Permit Number 0000-23-0011.1 LUP230001 Property owner: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Fish & Wildlife Millstone Township; Monmouth County

03/08/2024 Letter from Matt Shafai, Township Engineer re Resolution Compliance Riverside Center LLC (P23-03), Bl. 16.01, Lots 1-4

Email dated 03/05/2024 from Zig Panek, LTE #364 hired by applicant to do a tree survey for 37 Burnt Tavern.

Email from Mr. Ken Pape, Esq. dated 03/12/2024 re tree survey for 37 Burnt Tavern Road application. Shade Tree Secretary was instructed to put comments in writing to Planning Board, Matt Shafai, Township Engineer & Ken Pape.

Email from Danielle Sims, Land Use Administrator & Planning & Zoning Secretary dated 03/12/2024 re 37 Burnt Tavern Road application.

OLD BUSINESS

- Coastal Quality Properties (Z23-02) Comments – Shade Tree has no comments currently.
- XXXIII Associates/Riverside Center (P23-03) - (B18.01, Lots 1,2,3&4-proposed Lot 1.01). This has been approved, only compliance remains.
- NJUCF Compliance Update – Chairman D’Amico. This expires 12/31/2024.
- Millstone Park Landscaping & Arboretum – Bruce Wolf. We need to get water out there. How do we move forward? Bruce would like to form a subcommittee to work with Kevin Abernathy. Will walk the property to get a sense of scale and where to put the money. This is a “work in progress”. It was proposed to have our June meeting at Millstone Park.

- Clare Paul, Millstone River Watershed 10 Ambassador for the NJ Watershed Ambassadors Program (Partnership Projects) – Mark Mamrega/Bruce Wolf. Mark bumped into Clare at a recent seminar, and she said she is working on proposals.
- Native Alternatives to Invasive Plan – Patty Basko – no report but asked Victoria to post article on our Facebook page.
- Webpage Administrator – Victoria Talyansky

NEW BUSINESS

- Question: How is the Shade Tree going to review plans/applications? It was decided to have a Hybrid meeting in April. Meeting will be held upstairs in the Court Building, and the Zoom option will be available. Board Secretary will handle legal notifications.
- Arbor Day – Friday, April 26, 2024. Bruce Wolf will donate a tree. Planting will be at the lake by the boat launch in Millstone Park. Event will be held in the afternoon (time to be determined). Mark Mamrega will try and get another tree donated.
- Other

REMINDER: Millstone Township Environmental Commission 18th Annual Stream Cleanup – Saturday, April 13, 2024 (9-Noon) Details to follow...SIGN UP!

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Chairman D’Amico and seconded by Victoria Talyansky at 9:06 p.m. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024 (IN PERSON)

7:30 p.m.

215 Millstone Road – Court Building upstairs

ZOOM OPTION WILL BE AVAILABLE