

Millstone Township Shade Tree Commission

Meeting Minutes August 12, 2015 7:30 PM Millstone, NJ

Attendees: Phil Cooney (PC)
Ron Schlegal (RS)
Rene Peerboom (RP)
Christopher Porcello (CP)
Lisa Spaziano – Special Consultant (LS)

Absent: John Kiczalis (JK)

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

First order of business was to review and approve meeting minutes from 7/8/15 STC meeting. Motion to accept minutes as presented was approved.

PC will forward approved minutes to Maria Dellasalla.

Old Business

- RS researched Millstone Day for STC PEA opportunities. The event is scheduled for September 13th. Committee has no viable program or resources to pull together in short time frame. Committee will consider 2016 event.
- RS presented recruitment ad for township website for a college intern for the Tree Inventory program. STC will place ad in newsletter and Facebook page. LS received positive feedback from college professors and will continue to pursue.
- Committee members have identified potentially hazardous trees and will submit photos to LS for consideration to forward to JCPL and/or Monmouth County Shade Tree. (Open)
- PC volunteered to create a STC Facebook page to assist with communication of STC PEA goals. Looking for September launch date. (Open)
- Committee has identified Core Training event to be held in October in Atlantic City. Working to finalize attendees. (Open)

New Business

Community Mgmt. Forestry Plan

LS presented 5-year plan (draft) to committee. Committee agreed that the document was representative of our collaborative thoughts and efforts to date and we agreed to move towards completion by the end of August in time to present it to the Township Committee for review and approval in September.

Key Issues Impacting Success of Plan:

- Finances
- Storm Related Impacts
- Tree Protection (Must be on grading plan)
- Improve Communications with: Recreation Department, Open Space Committee, Planning & Zoning Board, Engineers and Inspectors.
- Entering into review process earlier (must talk with Pam)

Final Review of: Sub-Division Plan , Block 58, Lot 4.06 Crest Engineering, Plan Date: (1/15/15, Sheets 1-8)

- Tree types were not mark on plan.
- Update ordinance on Tree Protection

Action Notes

- LS will send out next draft of 5 YR. Plan to committee members by Aug. 24th and committee will respond with comments by Aug. 28th. Committee members will also supply photos for the document. Goal is to have document ready for Township meeting on Sept 2nd or 16th.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

NEXT MEETING: September 9, 2015 @ 7:30PM

Minutes prepared by: P. Cooney