

Millstone Township Shade Tree Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2021
7:30 p.m.

Due to COVID-19, the Millstone Township Shade Tree Commission meeting was held via Zoom.

Zoom Meeting

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Attendees:	Victoria Talyansky (VT).	Absent:	Rene Peerboom (RP)
	Bruce Wolf (BW)		Scott D'Amico (SD)
	Ellen Terry (ET)		
	Michael McLaughlin (MM) Liason		
	Lisa Rosati (LR)		
	(Consultant)		

Meeting called to order @ 7:35 p.m.

Old Business

Minutes from 7/12/21 approved.

Community Forestry Management Compliance Items

Tree Inventory- Victoria contacted several NJ Licensed Tree Experts to inquire if they would like to bid on the 2021 Street Tree Inventory. Three consultants expressed interest: Gus DeBlasio, Steve Chisholm and Bill Brash. Consultants were found on the NJDEP NJ Licensed Tree Expert Listing for Monmouth County

and advertised they performed Tree Inventories. Lisa will prepare bid letters and send to contractors for bids to be received before September 2021 STC meeting.

CEU's: Victoria is signing up for Introduction to Pruning (1.5 CEUs) and Ellen is signing up for Basic Landscape Integrated Pest Management (3 CEUs). Reach out to Amanda Salerno for assistance with paying for classes. We will still need 3.5 CEUs and CORE training by end of 2021 to be compliant with the State Urban and Community Forestry Management requirements.

Draft Tree Ordinance discussion: Lisa prepared a draft Tree Removal Ordinance for the Township Committee. Members were emailed a copy of the draft and a discussion took place. The ordinance would require a nominal fee for tree removal to encourage more individuals to apply. The ordinance was written to discourage tree clearing and excessive removal, but allow residents to have some leniency for tree removal. Trees within 50' of the foundation from the primary residence or commercial building would not require replacements. Trees beyond that distance will require replacement trees or fees. The entire ordinance was reviewed and the STC was very supportive of the draft.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:24 p.m.

Next meeting: September 8, 2021

Adopted Date: October 13, 2021