

Millstone Township Shade Tree Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2022
7:30 p.m.

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

Attendees:	Scott D'Amico (SD)	Absent:	Rene Peerboom (RP)
	Bruce Wolf (BW)		Eric Davis (ED) Liason
	Victoria Talyansky (VT)		
	Ellen Terry (ET)		
	Chris Porcello (CP)		
	Lisa Rosati (LR) (Consultant)		

Meeting called to order @ 7:46 p.m.

Old Business

Minutes from March 9, 2022 meeting approved. VT motion/SD seconded.

Draft Tree Removal Ordinance and Application.

Discussed 3/17/2022 revisions to draft ordinance/application. STC and EC have reviewed and support the ordinance and application to be presented to the Township Committee for adoption. Minor revision had been made for clarity based on new EC member comment.

Educational Rain Garden and ANJEC grant. Status update from Ellen (ET).

The Environmental Commission (EC) has agreed to partner with STC to create the Rain Garden as a source of education for residents and to apply for ANJEC Grant. Dee Sinha from EC will complete the application. Ellen will prepare the Project Description for the application. Application is due 5/2/22. Location of garden was discussed – potential location is Millstone Park. Potential nurseries to obtain plants which are native and appropriate for rain garden, based on Rutgers recommendations were discussed. Maintenance will be imperative and possible groups for maintenance were discussed.

Arbor Day Celebration plans were finalized:

- Date: April 29, 2022
- Place(s): Middle School and Millstone Park
- Attendees: BW, ET, VT & ED
- Bruce (BW) will donate one sugar maple tree and plant at Millstone Park at 3:30PM.
- Scott (SD) will seek tree donation from local nursery to be planted at the Middle School.
- ED was contacting Dr. Haas to set up Arbor Day celebration time at the Middle School with students.

- ED was contacting Scout groups to attend Arbor Day celebration at Millstone Park.
- SD will contact Future Farmers of America for participants at the Millstone Park Arbor Day event.
- SD will dig planting hole and set tree in place at Middle School on Thursday. Students will finish planting tree during the Arbor Day celebration. ET will attend the Middle school planting and discuss the importance of trees with students. SD will confirm tree is properly backfilled after celebration.
- LR has obtained an Arbor Day proclamation signed by the Mayor.
- VT will try to attend to both events to take photos and contact the newspaper for coverage.

New Business

Landscape Plan Review: Force 5 Holdings, LLC, P22-01. Block 18, Lot 2.04. STC Review. LR to prepare and send STC review letter to Planning Board Secretary for distribution to Planning Board, applicant and professionals.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:36 p.m. BW Motion / VT Seconded

Next meeting: May 11, 2022

Adopted Date: May 11, 2022 CP Motion / VT Seconded