

**Millstone Township Shade Tree Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 12, 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)
	Victoria Talyansky	(VT)		Bruce Wolf	(BW)
	Ellen Terry	(ET)		Chris Porcello.	(CP)
	Eric Davis	(ED)	Liason		
	Lisa Rosati	(LR)	(Consultant)		

Meeting called to order @ 7:38 p.m.

**Old Business**

Minutes from September 14, 2022 meeting approved. ET motion/VT seconded.

NJUCF Stewardship Resiliency Grant (**review time 15 minutes**)– LR updated the STC on the following:

- The requested clarification has been completed and NJDEP will be sending paperwork to the Township. Work period has started.
- The project includes a street tree inventory & tree risk assessment inventory within the ROWs of 147 roads which will be added to the existing inventory. Approximately <10% of roads will be left to inventory in the future.
- The contractor, Kevin Scibilia, will possibly start this weekend however most of the work will be completed in 2023 because it is more favorable to assess tree condition/health with leaves present. Roads will be started from the western portion of the Township to the eastern portion.
- STC members who have volunteered will need to keep astute records of their hours to submit for matching funds.
  - o Scott D'Amico will assist the Project Manager, Kevin Abernethy, with the contractor's progress throughout the project.
  - o Ellen Terry will prepare educational and informative narratives for residents regarding the project to be posted on the STC FB page.
  - o Victoria Talyansky will assist ET with narratives and post them to the FB page.
- STC meeting time spent on the project will be recorded into the minutes and used for matching funds (as shown above).

Draft Tree Removal Ordinance – ED informed the STC that the Township Committee approved the final draft with one last addition: existing residential properties that require septic replacement will not be subject to tree replacement

within the new septic area. The draft ordinance has been sent to the Township Attorney and is scheduled for the first reading on October 19, 2022. LR will resend all accessory documents to ED to be included with the ordinance.

NJUCF Accreditation Status – Millstone has met the requirements of CORE trained individuals; however at least one additional member, other than ET, must obtain a minimum of 2 NJUCF approved CEU's prior to the end of the year.

Spotted Lanternfly Control. SD informed the STC that Freehold Boro has started an experimental treatment program by selecting trees to receive trunk injections to control lanternfly. To date, the treatment has been effective. STC is favorable to the idea that Millstone starts a treatment program in 2023. Budget funds will be requested to initiate the program in 2023.

### **New Business**

Plan Review: 700 Highway 33 (Xtreme Machines) – Block 18.01, Lot 2.01 (Z22-10)

Plan Review: AACDML – Block 23, Lot 3 (P21-10)

Plan Review: Hexa Builders – Block 11, Lot 19 (P21-05) – unanimously decided that a paper copy of this plan is required to make comparison between revisions and ensure all STC items have been appropriately addressed.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:48 p.m. VT Motion / SD Seconded

Next meeting: November 9, 2022

Adopted Date: November 9, 2022. ET Motion / VT Seconded