

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE  
REORGANIZATION MEETING – 01-10-2024 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 Committeeman Eric Davis at 7:40 p.m.**

**ATTENDANCE**

	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>	<b><u>Arrived Late</u></b>
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 Committeeman Eric Davis**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE – led by Committeeman Eric Davis**

**REORGANIZATION**

**Mayor Ferro appointed Victoria Talyansky & Bruce Wolf to the Shade Tree Commission for five (5) year terms, commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2028. Scott D’Amico was appointed to fulfill the unexpired term of Ellen Terry, term ending December 31, 2024. Patricia Basko was appointed to fulfill the unexpired term of Christopher Porcello, term ending December 31, 2024.**

**Committeeman Eric Davis is the liaison to the Environmental Commission for 2024**

**NOMINATION FOR CHAIRPERSON**

***M/Victoria Talyansky S/Bruce Wolf to appoint Scott D’Amico as Chairperson for 2024. Motion carried.***

**NOMINATION FOR DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON**

***M/Chairman Scott D’Amico S/Victoria Talyansky to appoint Bruce Wolf as Deputy Chairperson for 2024. Motion carried.***

**NOMINATION FOR TREASURER**

***M/Chairman Scott D'Amico S/Bruce Wolf to appoint Victoria Talyansky as Treasurer for 2024. Motion carried.***

**UPDATE FROM COMMITTEEMAN DAVIS**

TC Reorganization meeting held 01/03/2024. Next meeting to be held 01/17/2024. Shade Tree Commission Secretary appointment.

**GUESTS - None**

**CHAIRPERSON REPORT – Scott D'Amico**

When plans/applications are received for our comments, it may be necessary to meet in person. Board Secretary will handle legal notifications.

**DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON REPORT - Bruce Wolf**

Millstone Park Arboretum was discussed. See Old Business.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Victoria Talyansky**

Board Secretary will reach out to Finance office for 2024 proposed budget worksheet.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR – None**

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF 12/13/2023**

***M/Mark Mamrega S/Victoria Talyansky – to approve meeting minutes of 12/13/2023 meeting. Motion carried with 2 abstentions.***

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Street Tree Inventory update. Committeeman Eric Davis to follow-up.
- NJUCF Compliance Accreditation Status – Chairman D'Amico will follow-up. Victoria Talyansky forwarded an email re 2023 status to STC members.
- Millstone Park Landscaping & Arboretum – Next steps Arborist to meet with Township Administrator Kevin Abernethy. Question: Is there bond for dead trees? Vice Chairman Bruce Wolf will circle back with Lisa Rosetti.
- Shade Tree Commission 2023 Plans & Requirements (Updated 12/13/2023)

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township of Millstone Shade Tree Commission will hold its regular official monthly meeting on the second Wednesday of each month (via Zoom) in the year 2024 at 7:30 p.m. commencing with our Reorganization Meeting on January 10, 2024. Formal action may be taken at these meetings.**

***January 10, 2024 - (reorganization meeting)***

***February 14, 2024***

*March 13, 2024*  
*April 10, 2024*  
*May 08, 2024*  
*June 12, 2024*  
*July 10, 2024*  
*August 14, 2024*  
*September 11, 2024*  
*October 09, 2024*  
*November 13, 2024*  
*December 11, 2024*  
*January 08, 2025 – (reorganization meeting)*

- ***BE IT RESOLVED that the Shade Tree Commission hereby designates The Times of Trenton, 413 River View Plaza, Trenton, NJ 08611 and The Asbury Park Press, P.O. Box 1550, Neptune, New Jersey, 07754 as the two Newspapers to receive Public Notices as required by P.L. 1975, C231 (OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT). M/Patricia Basko S/Victoria Talyansky. Motion carried.***

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution is forwarded to the above newspapers.

- Information from State NJUCF-Urban & Community Forestry Program
- Shade Tree Commission Roster – information reviewed. Please add Scott's telephone number.
- 2024 Shade Tree Budget Preparation Worksheet – Board Secretary will contact Finance Office
- Webpage Administrator – Victoria Talyansky graciously volunteered.
- Patricia Basko will not be at March 13, 2024 meeting.
- Other

**REMINDER: Millstone Township Environmental Commission 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Stream Cleanup – Saturday, April 13, 2024 (9-Noon) Details to follow...SAVE THE DATE!**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn by Patricia Basko and seconded by Victoria Talyansky  
At 9:12 p.m. Motion carried.**

**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024  
7:30 p.m.**