

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE
REGULAR MEETING – 08-14-2024 MEETING MINUTES
7:30 P.M.



IF ANY STC MEMBERS ARE GOING TO BE LATE OR NOT ABLE TO ATTEND, PLEASE GIVE US THE COURTESY OF A PHONE CALL

To join the Shade Tree scheduled Zoom meeting, click here:
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Meeting ID: 675 570 9146
Passcode: 123

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – by Chairman D’Amico at 7:31 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Arrived Late</u>
Scott D’Amico	X	o	o
Patricia Basko	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
Kevin Scibilia, LTE	X	o	o

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – led by Chairman Scott D’Amico

MOMENT OF SILENCE – led by Chairman Scott D’Amico

GUESTS

Mr. Chandra Dasari, Tree Removal Application for Millstone Plaza LLC (457 Rt 33 W Millstone NJ) re filing for tree cutting project

UPDATE FROM COMMITTEEMAN DAVIS (Present)

- 18 Haviland Drive Urgent Tree Pruning Request – Committeeman Davis. This is a Township issue

CHAIRPERSON REPORT – Scott D’Amico

- NJUCF Seminars Update – Patty Basko (Absent) – Chairman D’Amico reports 2 people will be attending, Patty & Mark, the **NJ SHADE TREE FEDERATION 99TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**
Oct 17-18, 2024, Harrah's Resort AC | Atlantic City, NJ. Perhaps carpooling is an option.
- MOMS Millstone – Adopting a commemorative Tree Donation Program Update – see above. Committeeman Davis will be meeting with Township Administrator Kevin Abernathy and propose “Friends of Millstone Shade Tree”.
- Tree Removal Ordinance – The Shade Tree Commission needs to take another look at the Ordinance especially the commercial side. STC needs to meet with Nick Procaccini in October. Chairman D’Amico will approach Mr. Procaccini and see if this is possible. Board Secretary was instructed to obtain a copy of the letter the Township is sending to residents regarding tree inspection for dead, diseased and/or hazardous to public property (dated 06/12/2024). STC would like to get Kevin Sibilia’s thoughts on tweaking this Ordinance.

KEVIN SCIBILIA, LICENSED TREE EXPERT

- Heritage Tree Removal Permits – any received?
- Township Hazardous Tree List Update
- Showplace Farms (P19-12) Planning Board Subcommittee re Supplemental Landscaping. Will find out the status of subcommittee formed by the Planning Board.

DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON REPORT - Bruce Wolf

- Date to sit down with Township Administrator and Committeeman Eric Davis to draft a tree planation at Millstone Park. Bruce to reach out to Kevin Abernathy.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Victoria Talyansky – N/R

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

M/Mark Mamrega S/Bruce Wolf – to approve meeting minutes of 07/10/2024 meeting. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Email dated 08/13/2024 re USDA Forest Service Funding Opportunity - Landscape Scale Restoration Grants – Chairman D’Amico & Kevin Scibilia. Millstone Township does not qualify as grants are designed for cities.

OLD BUSINESS

- NJUCF Compliance Update – Chairman D’Amico
- Millstone Park Landscaping & Arboretum Update – Bruce Wolf
- Webpage Administrator – Victoria Talyansky. Posting when she receives something. Would like to do an email blast to Millstone residents to “like” our Facebook page, Board Secretary will speak to Kathleen Hart as to how to accomplish this.

- Salem Oak Tree update – Patty Basko reports it is doing good.

NEW BUSINESS

- Bruce Wolf mentioned idea to reformation old mines pits in the Township – American chestnut trees? Further discussion is needed.
- Mark Mamrega advised STC representees Gina Velasquez, Church of God Events Rep, Michael Miller and Daniel Velasquez
World Mission Society Church of God | Neptune, NJ would like to attend our September meeting.
- Other

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Chairman D’Amico and seconded by Victoria Talyansky at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024
7:30 p.m. – VIA ZOOM