

## Mountain Lakes Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 6:00 p.m. Borough Hall

Members Present: Consuelo Murtaugh, Marnie Vyff, Heather Scott, Sandy Batty, Jay Eveleth, Edwina Marchev

Comments from the Public: None

Minutes from September 15<sup>th</sup> approved with corrections. Minutes from September 21st special meeting approved with corrections. Consuelo will get special minutes to Heather or Blair for posting on Borough website.

STC computer update. STC has a new laptop computer which will live in Danielle's office at DPW, due to necessary network connections.

P & R 2016 to be completed, including Arborist walks.

Marnie and Consuelo attended a Borough council Grants meeting, hosted by Peter Holmberg, to introduce ML commissions and committees to the Bruno Associates company. Bruno Associates, which specializes in the identification and writing of grants for towns and boroughs, was employed by Rich Sheola previous employer. Marnie Vyff and Consuelo presented STC needs and areas we hope more grants can be found.

A Hornrock recommendation letter was created, final review by STC prior to submission.

Our 5 year CFMP is currently on the front page of the Borough Website. Two trees will be planted in November. One tree will be planted at the Thor Leif Fliflet Bird Sanctuary to honor our Arbor Day 2016 recipient Carol Rufener, a second tree will be planted in front of a vacant home at 9 Vale. A unanimous vote was taken confirming monies received from the Town Club Grant will be used to purchase and plant this tree. The Borough website Memorial Tree section of STC needs be updated. Marnie Vyff confirmed she will input this information. Consuelo will follow-up on the 10 trees to be planted in honor of the Borough 2016 Volunteer Recognition Event.

Consuelo has asked Kris Hasbrook how much it would cost to conduct a sample survey of the ash canopy throughout the Borough of Mountain Lakes. She has requested he come conduct this survey and the yearly tree inspections conducted for the Borough by the certified tree arborist.

Chris Capodanno will not attend the NJ Forestry Conference. Edwina Marchev may attend in future should the location of event change.

Marnie Vyff has accepted taking over as Chair of the STC from Consuelo in 2017 because of Consuelo's new full time job. Marnie and Consuelo will need to meet to coordinate the transition. Consuelo reports she plans to remain as an STC member.

Meeting adjourned 7:13 p.m.

Next Meeting November 10, 2016

6 p.m. Borough Hall Heather Scott