

Mountain Lakes Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

December 11th, 2014 8:30 am Borough Hall

Members Present: Consuelo Murtagh, Marnie Vyff, Tom Caine, Jay Eveleth, Heather Carr, Heather Scott

1. Comments from the Public: None
2. Minutes for November 2014 were approved with corrections.
3. Marnie trained STC members how to post information on our new Borough web-site.
4. Marnie has recruited a new member to Shade Tree, Blair Bravo. Consuelo will reach out to Sandy Batty to see if she is interested in joining the Shade Tree Commission.
5. Heather Scott agreed to a 4 year commitment to the Shade Tree Commission. Consuelo will advise the Borough of this update.
6. Bob Tovo has the prune and removal specifications to commence in 2015.
7. After attending the CORE training in October 2014, Marnie explained how the I-Tree program will not support the requirements of Shade Tree data. Marnie will contact Frank Sanchez at the High School to see if the high school students are able to make a more user friendly database for the STC.
8. STC plans to do a fall tree planting this December. Three trees will be planted at Briarcliff School.
9. In 2015, STC looking to see Loraine Konopka, Borough Arborist, help STC with the 5 year plan Community Forestry Management Plan (CFMP) to cover years 2015-2020.
10. Marnie stated the year-end report for Tree City USA is confirmed, and continues to be worked.
11. Sustainable Jersey has \$20,000, \$10,000, and \$2,000 grants available again. The applications are due at the end of January.
12. Frank Borin will be joining us as Borough Council Liason in 2015.
13. The Garden Club of Mountain Lakes will host a presentation January 28th, 2015 given by Lorraine Konopka, Borough Arborist. Lorraine will explain the importance of caring for our trees in Mountain Lakes. Consuelo will have 10 minutes to speak, the Garden Club requests Consuelo focus on Borough tree protection ordinances. STC members are invited to attend.

Meeting Adjourned 9:30am

Next meeting January 8th, 2015

Respectfully submitted: Heather Scott

