

Mountain Lakes Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

June 11th, 2015 8:30 am Borough Hall

Members Present: Consuelo Murtagh, Marnie Vyff, Janet Horst, Heather Scott, Blair Bravo, Jay Eveleth

1. Comments from the Public: Welcome new prospective member Chris Capodanno
2. Minutes for April and May 2015 were reviewed and approved.
3. The status 2015-2020 Community Forestry Management Plan (CFMP) was discussed. It was agreed we should try to initiate the next 5 year plan process 3 years ahead of the deadline. This could better facilitate the hiring of an arborist such that the Borough will have notice and act. STC Members agreed Borough Council could better understand the importance of STC and the CFMP. Blair suggested STC obtain arborist fees, and copy of contract for work to be completed by the arborist for the CFMP. Blair also suggested STC meet with new arborist, and if possible the meeting take place over summer. Consuelo will take suggestion under consideration. Currently the Borough has not hired a full time arborist.
4. Consuelo passed out Tree survey assignments and partnering procedures. The information included pocket park, STC procedures, Verbal Communication, Tree Surveys, and unassigned streets.
5. Review of Methods for Survey walks was discussed.
6. CORE Training update was given by Blair Bravo who in April attended the all day training session in Riverdale. Blair suggested every Borough Council member take CORE training. Blair found the course very informative, noting the New Jersey Community Forestry Act. Marnie asked Blair to write her ah- ha moments. Utility companies to plant appropriate trees under wires, was mentioned. Blair will write bullet points to council members. Marnie attended the State of the State. Janet, Marnie, & Blair posed the question if the STC may raise funds for STC? Janet will follow up with Madison STC.
7. CEU opportunities were discussed.

Meeting Adjourned 9:30 am.

Next meeting September 10th, 2015

Respectfully submitted: Heather Scott