

Mountain Lakes Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Approved

December 13th, 2018

7:00 p.m. Borough Hall

Meeting has been noticed to the newspapers and media

Members Present: Marnie Vyff, Phyllis Deering, Sandy Batty, John Briggs, Brett Lane

Members Absent: Heather Scott, Chris Capodanno, Borough Council Liason Cynthia Korman, Jay Eveleth, Blair Bravo, Lucan Franzblau

1. Comments from the Public: None
2. Minutes from meeting November 2018 tabled due to Heather's absence.
3. Consuelo Murtagh and Blair Bravo have officially retired from the ML Shade Tree Commission.
4. Brett and Patty are now official members of the ML Shade Tree Commission. Brett has been assigned Area III (2018 has been completed by Consuelo).
5. Prune and Remove List:
 - a. Some have experienced difficulty with the inputting data to the program. Specifically they have found that turning the device on/off has been the only way to overcome the issues.
 - b. Some are still to complete the entry of data from their area.
6. CEU (Core Training). Consuelo was tracking our CEU training. Sandy has agreed to take over this responsibility. Both Phyllis and Brett require the training next year.

7. Chris was successful in getting 18 new trees planted this December.

8. Lauren Barnett (Borough Mayor) contacted Marnie regarding the honoring of outgoing council members and Borough volunteer award recipients. Four individuals were presented with plaques informing them that a tree has been planted in the Borough, on their behalf, in thanks for their service to our community.

9. Tree Replacement Ordinance. Sandy reviewed much of the work that has been done on the new ordinance, to this point. The plan remains that STC will present the proposed ordinance to the Borough Council at a meeting in February 2019. As next steps Sandy proposes that the subcommittee meet early in January to finish the draft of the ordinance and to develop a proposed presentation plan for Borough Council. There was some discussion that we need to start discussing the contents/ideas of the new ordinance with individual council members asap.

10. John gave an overview of Woodland Committee programs within the Borough.

11. Sunrise Development Plans. Sandy and Marnie led a review of the Sunrise plans with respect to Tree 'saving' and tree planting. There was confusion with the full tree inventory provided by Sunrise as to what species were on the plan, as the 'key' was not included on the plan.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.

Next Meeting January 10, 2019

7 p.m. Borough Hall

John Briggs