

Mountain Lakes Shade Tree Commission Minutes  
October 11, 2018  
6:00 p.m. Borough Hall

Members Present: Marnie Vyff, Phyllis Deering, John Briggs, Sandy Batty, Chris Capodanno, Borough Council Liason, Cynthia Korman

Members Absent: Heather Scott, Consuelo Murtagh, Jay Eveleth, Blair Bravo, Lucas Franzblau MLHS Jr Member

1. Public attendee Patti McElduff attended the meeting and gave us her bio. Marnie reviewed the application process with her.
2. Summer tree walks are still in progress. Sandy shared that there is a large Ash tree almost dead at Taft Field. Sandy will send Marnie an email to follow up. John is available to show commission members how to add their inventory results in the tree inventory system.
3. Mitchell wants the trees to be removed marked with a white x low and small, 2 feet off the ground. A white spot at the foot of the tree should be used to indicate a tree that should be pruned.
4. Marnie met with JCPL and Mitchell. JCPL wants to expand the area around where trees meet the electrical wires from 10-15ft. Mitchell gave the P&R list to JCPL to have them take down the trees that are most liable. Mitchell said it would save the town 15K.  
Danielle from DPW told us a contractor Rich Tree Service, will start the 2017 removals on 10/12/2018.
5. John gave preliminary information about a potential app to use for tree inventory.
6. We are still updating 2017 maintenance plan of new tree plantings into our inventory system for grants. We discussed budget to plant trees in 2018. Chris wants anyone to tell him if they have a place to plant new trees by next week. Chris put a list together of desirable locations.

7. Sandy presented a draft of the tree ordinance. It was discussed. A subcommittee was formed to have a special meeting to review and discuss. The committee members are John, Chris and Sandy.

Meeting Adjourned:

Next meeting November 8, 2018

6 p.m. Borough Hall

Phyllis Deering