

Mountain Lakes Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

November 8th, 2018

6:00 p.m. Borough Hall

Meeting has been noticed to the newspapers and media

Members Present: Marnie Vyff, Heather Scott, John Briggs, Sandy Batty, Phyllis Deering, Chris Capodanno, Borough Council Liason Cynthia Korman, Lucan Franzblau MLHS Jr. Member

Members Absent: Jay Eveleth

1. Comments from the Public: Brett Lane attended the meeting. Brett is a big fan of trees and comes today to join STC. A unanimous vote was had. Brett will be presented at next Borough Council meeting. Patty McElduff is interested in the position of Shade Tree Alternate, and will submit her bio to Marnie.
2. Minutes from October 2018 approved with corrections.
3. Blair Bravo and Consuelo Murtagh delivered their resignations. The Borough website will be updated to reflect these changes. Moving forward, a review of any STC member missing 5 or more meetings or 3 meetings in a row will take place. Moving forward, STC monthly meetings will take place at 7p.m. Borough Hall.
4. Almost all trees are cut down for Prune and Remove 2017.
5. Summer Tree walk inputs to be complete. Phyllis, Heather, Sandy to input.
6. Kris Hasbrook walk will occur next Friday, November 16th 9a.m. The meeting will have a sunshine notice. Chris Capodanno will take minutes. Marnie, John, Sandy, Chris, and Janet Horst will attend the walk.
7. STC is inviting Woodlands Committee to December meeting. The meeting will begin at 7p.m.

8. A sub committee of Lucan, Chris, Phyllis, Marnie will work on the State of the Shade Tree Committee presentation to Borough Council. The Borough of Mountain Lakes has a 60% tree canopy.

9. Chris and Marnie are meeting Friday at 3p.m. to discuss new tree plantings. Saturday at 10a.m. Phyllis, Chris, and Sandy will knock on residential doors to ask ML residents to plant Shade Trees. Chris and Marnie did Environmental Commission 5 hour meeting on tree plantings. Other towns say not to plant in ROW. Heather to email Chris a Rutger's flyer on best time to apply mulch, fall, winter or newly planted trees.

10. Sandy will work on clarity of the ordinance update. Sandy and Chris will work on the the new ordinance proposal. Chris will report to Borough Council.

11. An extra meeting will take place Monday Nov. 19th Borough Hall.

12. Issue with residents removing trees, STC states our focus is to protect trees during construction. How does Zoning Officer know how to enforce, by infractions, other. Suggested zoning officer attend an STC meeting in November so STC and zoning are on the same page.

13. Marnie is working on STC budget for next year. Consuelo suggested a video be placed on STC website regarding 'donuts'.

Meeting adjourned 7:29 p.m.

Next Meeting December 13th, 2018

7 p.m. Borough Hall

Heather Scott