

Mountain Lakes Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

November 10th, 2016 6:00 p.m. Borough Hall

Members Present: Consuelo Murtaugh, Marnie Vyff, Heather Scott, Sandy Batty, Blair Bravo, Chris Capodonna, Jay Eveleth, and Borough council Representative Peter Holmberg.

1. Comments from the Public: None
2. Minutes from October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting approved with corrections and additions from Consuelo.
3. STC laptop will reside at the DPW's Administration Office.
4. Input P & R 2016 data to be completed by STC by next scheduled meeting. Consuelo will prepare the P & R lists for the Borough once this is done.
5. Rich Sheola has handled the purchase order for this year's tree planting. STC will be planting a total of 11 trees this year. Nine trees will be planted to honor ML volunteers, 1 tree for the Arbor Day recipient, and one tree from a grant from The Town Club of Mountain Lakes.
6. Marnie discussed the Wildwood 4<sup>th</sup> grade STC school events. There are four different 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes, first events to take place Monday-Thursday 1:28pm-2:11pm, and Thursday 1:45-1:28pm. Sandy, Chris and Marnie are conducting the classes.
7. Sandy Batty sent out the updated STC's recommendations for the Hornrock Plan to all STC members for review. There were no additional comments made. A motion was made by Blair Bravo to approve, Chris Capodonna seconded, all members present approved the final version of these recommendations.
8. STC website is updated with newly added articles from the New York Times.
9. Consuelo and Kris Hasbrook are working on an Emerald Ash Borer task force to determine the number of ash in Borough. Consuelo will be reaching out to Kris to set up a time for him to complete a 'windshield survey' of the Ash population for EAB Task Force planning.
10. Consuelo discussed the 2017 STC Budget. Because of the severe drought of 2016, funds were requested to cover more expected tree loss. Costs in this area include more tree take downs and urgent need for more tree plantings.
11. Consuelo and Marnie are working on the STC leadership transfer as Marnie will become STC Chair in 2017, with Consuelo to continue as an STC member.
12. A Borough Volunteer Reception to be held Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Mountain Lakes High School. **All STC members are encouraged to attend.**

Meeting adjourned 7:10 p.m.

**Next Meeting January 12th, 2017**

6 p.m. Borough Hall

Heather Scott

