

Mountain Lakes Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

October 12th, 2017

6:00 p.m. Borough Hall

Members Present: Marnie Vyff, Heather Scott, Sandy Batty, John Briggs, Jay Eveleth, Borough Council Liason Lauren Barnett

1. Comments from the Public: None
2. Minutes for September 2017 approved with corrections.
3. The tree service company completing the 2016 Prune and Removal has requested until the end of October 2017 for completion.
4. Shade Tree commissioners report that all tree walks complete in preparation for inputting this year's tree survey data. Marnie will conduct a training on data input at the DPW on Wednesday October 18, at 1pm.
5. Chris to discuss grants update in November.
6. A presentation of the recommendations for managing the EAB infestation in Borough as well as ash yellow, and the related overall decline of Ash trees was given to the Borough Council. The presentation included recommendations for further action to address these problems was included in the report. In attendance was John Briggs, Marnie Vyff, Consuelo Murtagh and John Linson, a certified arborist. A member of the Woodlands Commission also attended. All material to be posted on the Shade Tree Commission website.
7. Marnie reports Mountain Lakes may have achieved Silver Level for Sustainable Jersey. STC earned 60 points toward the Silver Level.
8. Discussion on specific STC ordinances were debated, including updating the STC list of trees to plant.

9. John Briggs attended Core training in 2017. Consuelo will represent STC one day at the NJ Shade Tree Federation Conference in October 2017.

10. The 2018 STC budget is in progress. Budget considerations are the EAB, yellow ash, ordinances, tree planting, and shade tree education.

11. STC appreciates King of Kings plan to change trees on steep slopes from Arborvitae (Thuja) ; often damaged by deer, to Norway Spruce, seldom damaged by deer, according to Rutgers' Extension.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Next Meeting November 9th, 2017

6 p.m. Borough Hall

Heather Scott