

Mountain Lakes Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2013
8:30 am Borough Hall

Members present: Doug McWilliams, Consuelo Murtaugh, Janet Horst, Marnie Vyff, Heather Carr, Heather Scott

Comments from public: None

Minutes from November 14, 2013 still to be approved. Marnie will meet with Heather S. and help her learn how to format the meeting minutes prior to January meeting.

Bob Tovo has received our bids for pruning and removal.

Janet suggested we budget for education for our members and discuss the topic in the September 2014 meeting.

Our 2014 planting document was submitted to the Borough based on our November meeting.

Lorraine Konopka is the Borough's new Certified Tree Expert.

Discussion regarding our budget and spraying for poison ivy and ant infestation on borough right of way. Discussion to continue.

Janet has a new STC member proposal for our January meeting.

Today is Doug McWilliams last meeting. He will be replaced by a new council member for 2014. Council members are present at our meetings for guidance and communication between STC and Borough Council.

Marnie, Joan, and Bob Tovo are interested in applying for a Sustainable Jersey grant to cover the recycle bins. Sustainable Jersey grant proposals for the last half of 2013 are due January 26, 2014.

Heather C. and Marnie working on Tree City USA Certification, due end of December 2013, now extended until end of January 2014.

Marnie submitted letter to THE SHADE TREE bi-monthly bulletin regarding our Mountain Lakes New Resident information.

Janet suggested a regional round table in February or March hosted at Mountain Lakes Borough, including our new arborist Lorraine to meet with other local Borough's to learn current hot topics affecting each Borough.

Doug mentioned the new right of way rules the Borough recently passed stating the homeowner is responsible for the cost of replacing any walls, plantings, etc. that may be disturbed by the city conducting work on the Borough's right of ways.

Janet suggested STC create a phone chain or email chain to consult before coming to STC meeting should weather be inclement.

Meeting adjourned at 10 am. **Next Meeting January 9, 2014**

Respectfully submitted: Heather Scott