

Mountain Lakes Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes
September 11th, 2014
8:30 am DPW Meeting Room

Members Present: Consuelo Murtagh, Marnie Vyff, Tom Caine, Janet Horst, Jay Eveleth, Heather Scott

1. Comments from the Public: None
2. Minutes for June, 2014 amended and approved.
3. The 2014 Tree Survey Data Entry should be completed by Commissioners by October.
4. A list of trees requiring a second opinion of an arborist has been compiled. Consuelo Murtagh will contact Lorraine Konopka to arrange her doing site visits to these trees.
5. CEU CORE Training will take place Friday October 24, 2014 and, Saturday October 25, 2014 at Cherry Hill. Janet and Heather will attend the Friday presentation. Marnie will attend the training on I-Tree given on Saturday.
6. Janet Horst has 13 homeowner correspondences responses. Heather Scott has one volcano letter. Sample letters are available on the STC computer for each Commissioners use. The letters concerning trees on private property posing risks can go out through the Borough Manager.
7. Mountain Lakes Borough is reworking the Borough website. New format should be up and running by the end of October. Discussion ensued that a Borough Committee would not have a separate web page, other than the information on the Borough. Consuelo reviewed the STC website to verify its content was current. Printouts of the website content were shared with the Commissioners. The resulting recommendations for changes will be included in the material Consuelo sends to Miguel Bravo for this project.
8. Consuelo discussed the next steps for renewing the Community Forestry Management Plan for the next five years. A meeting was held with Lorraine Konopka, Marnie Vyff, and Janet Horst to discuss how the plan will be written with Ms. Konopka's help. Goals to be included in the plan are still being considered at this time.
9. Janet recruited a new member, Ron Underwood, we all look forward to welcoming Ron at our next meeting in October.
10. Fall Tree Planting from The Town Club Grant will purchase two trees that we hope to have planted across from Community Church, on park area that borders Wildwood Lake.
11. Other: Janet passed around an article about NYC and the lawsuits the city is facing from broken and falling tree branches. Janet also passed around a booklet from the EPA about Lake George showing the results of improper and proper grading of properties and forested areas that border the lake.

Meeting Adjourned 9:41am. **Next meeting October 9, 2014**

Respectfully submitted: Heather Scott