

Mountain Lakes Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes
February 10th, 2017

6:00 p.m. Borough Hall

Members Present: Marnie Vyff, Heather Scott, Sandy Batty, Blair Bravo, Consuelo Murtagh and Borough Council Liaison Lauren Barnett

1. Comments from the Public: None
2. Prospective new STC member present: John Briggs
3. Minutes from December 2016 and January 2017 approved.
4. King of Kings was discussed:
 - Marnie mentioned concern over largest, oldest tree on KOK property to be removed. A letter will be written to possibly have our arborist determine health of this tree. The tree is estimated to be 300 years old.
 - Heather discussed species types for replanting KOK. Noted STC shall remove Norway Maple from STC list of tree suggestions.
 - STC believes the ROW infrastructure must always remain private, as the KOK plans do not reflect a ROW.
 - STC will ask for clarification regarding overlap of existing pine and planned planting of Norway maple tree on steep slope entrance to KOK. Should pine die, fees may be involved. STC defers to Borough Manager regarding fees for tree removals in set back areas.
 - STC asks for scallop line clarification.
 - STC states Rhododendron and Viburnum are nice choice for new plantings.
5. STC reviewed and approved the BARKA landscape plan.

6. Consuelo gave Marnie the 2016 Prune and Remove list. Heather will ask Marnie to visit Lowell and Laurel Hill regarding resident request for take down.
7. Consuelo updated and input the Arborist Survey update.
8. CEU training contact is Pam Zipsie. All STC members should email Pam to have their names added to the CEU distribution list. **njstf.ceu@gmail.com**
9. STC Roles for 2017 will remain the same as 2016.
10. Ordinance update tabled until March STC meeting.
11. Arbor Day will be April 28th, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. Janet Horst will again write the Wildwood Students play based on the children's book White Foot.
12. All members are requested to send any Borough website updates to Blair Bravo.
13. Annual 2016 Reports show STC has contributed more than 715 volunteer hours, at \$20.85/hour as determined by the state.
14. Consuelo needs to contact the contracted certified arborist in order to arrange for a sample survey of Borough's ash trees, and survey the newly added Borough streets.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.

Next Meeting March 9th, 2017

6 p.m. Borough Hall

Heather Scott