

Tuesday Feb. 11, 2020

**Shade Tree Commission  
Discussion**

*Present:*

Chris Capodanno;    Jacqueline Edwards;    John Briggs;    Lucas Stelling  
Brett Lane;    Phyllis Deering;    Marnie Vyff;

*Absent:*

Sandy Batty;    Lauren Barnett (Council Liaison)

1. Chris provided copies of the:
  - a. Borough Guidelines for Committees and Commissions;
  - b. The Guidelines
  
2. Moving forward we will move our meetings to the *first* Monday of the month, except for next month. Tuesday March 10th. Start time will be 7 p.m.
  
3. Prune and Remove:
  - a. Chris is seeking the prune and remove list that Mitchell has to determine what trees in the 2019 submitted list (2019 tree walks) have been removed or when they will be removed.
  - b. A tree on Melrose was highlighted by a Borough resident – Brett has determined that it is on the list for 2019 trees to be removed.
  - c. A tree on Powerville was reported by a councilor, wondering when it will be removed. This tree is owned by the resident. Resident responsibility.
  - d. Mitchell has indicated that he will work to get us a new system to record our P&R data. The current thinking is to convert it to a master Excell or Dynamics spreadsheet that we could update on our walks. Marnie is to supply Mitchell that data fields that we currently collect.
  
4. STC Website Update
  - a. Council suggested that we need more education and outreach to the community so... Brett set up a Facebook page, Twitter and Instagram.
  - b. Because of how FB or Instagram works there many local other FB or Instagram that can be followed. Brett followed all the local Instagram feeds and this included the ML Republican Club. This following has now been removed.
  - c. Many STC's around NJ have FB pages. We could make a submission on a monthly basis.
  - d. We have asked Mitchell for a social media policy.

5. Our new alias email address is: [shadetree@mtnlakes.org](mailto:shadetree@mtnlakes.org) Any resident or STC associated issues will come to this address.
6. Mimi Kaplan asked Marnie to go by the beach and check that the trees need to have protective fencing around them. The concern is that none of them have the protective fencing. The ordinance rule is that for every 1" of diameter of tree a 1 foot radius is required. Phyllis will check this out and report this to Mitchell.
7. Phyllis has nearly completed this. Marnie and Chris had answers for the few areas of information that she was missing.
8. Arbor Day is April 24<sup>th</sup>. Phyllis is leading this.
9. Trout Derby. Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> is the stocking. Saturday is April 18<sup>th</sup> 7 am. We will have trees to distribute to any attendees who want one (or two) on both the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.
10. MLHS Mountaineer is still accepting articles. Jackie is leading this.
11. Steve Hercek is the new chair of the Woodlands Committee.
12. Core Training – New dates have not been posted. It is usually toward the end of March. Lucas and Brett need training.
13. No news from Environmental Commission.