**Mountain Lakes Woodland Committee**

**March 20, 2024**

**Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Bob Dewing, Scott Alison, Karen Macleod (minutes), Doren Greene, Pierre Bay, Stefanie Zumas, Melissa Muilenberg (Council liaison) Korben Lee (student rep)

Absent: Betsy Myatt

1. **Westshore Path Construction**

We plan to Mulch on May 4 for the workday. After April 20 work day we will let Mitchel Stern know what we need from the Borough and where to put it. On April 20th we will sign up to help with the Taft Field area for the town clean up which is right next to the trail

1. **Bridge Construction**

Rohen Shef has selected and been approved to do this project for his Eagle Scout project. He has a supervisor. We have money in our budget. The Woodlands has to sign off on the project. Rohen will submit a form and then he will present to the Woodlands Committee this Spring.

1. **Dead Tree Removal**

Woodlands did a survey of dead trees that are along the road areas and we tied pink ribbon around them. The Borough has been working to take down. If members see any further pink ribbons, we will alert the Borough. Bob will resend the list of trees so we can see progress.

1. **Borough Land Clean -up**

We decided to identify one plot of Borough Land to clean up in 2024. We would like to use this as a pilot and do in an area where there is a lot of visibility to the town as perhaps will inspire more people to be involved. Some ideas are:

Lookout – between N. Briarcliff and Glen

 corner of Fanny and Boulevard

Hanover and Melrose plot – this has been selected for the town trash clean up

Wilcox – center of block on east side

Members are going to come up with further ideas. 2024 is the 100-year celebration of the town so we might get some momentum.

The Borough has agreed to provide some help in removing debris from a number of pocket parks that we will then rejuvenate.

1. **Morris County Trail Renovation**

We need to get on the calendar to do a presentation to Council. Melissa is going to investigate April 22 and request to be on the agenda.

The Red Trail parallel to Crestview has gotten truly treacherous and dangerous for walkers. Morris County offered to do a re-design of the trail however it would be required to be a multi-use trail which would allow cyclists to use. The ML Borough would need to agree to this change in trail usage. There currently is concern that if we allow MC in, they will take too much control. We discussed that cyclists already use the trail on a regular basis so fundamentally it currently already is multi-use as there is no appetite to enforce the no cycling ordinance.

 We need to present the current issues with the trail and get understanding of what it would cost the ML Borough to do the work ourselves without the help of Morris County for a cost/benefit analysis.

We need to get Amy’s availability for April and May. (Kovacevic, Kelli <kkovacevic@MorrisParks.net> and Lutsko, Amy <ALutsko@morrisparks.net>)