

Mountain Lakes Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

March 12th, 2015 8:30 am Borough Hall

Members Present: Consuelo Murtagh, Marnie Vyff, Janet Horst, Tom Caine, Heather Scott, Blair Bravo
Borough Liaison: Frank Borin

1. Comments from the Public: None

2. Minutes for February 2015 were reviewed and approved. Per Borough council approval, Blair Bravo is now an official member of STC. Tom Caine will be leaving STC, however Tom stated he is available to help any new members with his STC walk, a great bonus for STC. STC wishes Tom the best in his new home.

3. The status of hiring a new Borough arborist was discussed. Frank Borin will call Bob Hoffman and explain the urgency as it relates to CFMP. Frank, Blair & Consuelo will send a memo regarding the critical nature of hiring an arborist to Borough Council.

4. Consuelo has completed and signed for the Green Communities Grant for the amount of \$3,000. The grant will go to mail today.

5. Consuelo, Marnie, Janet, and Heather attended the Borough's Volunteer Presentation Day. The event helped create more cross-over with Woodlands, and had an excellent outcome.

6. Marnie met with Janet and Beth Azar regarding Arbor Day Celebrations. Mr. David Fewell, a Mountain Lakes High School Science Teacher, will be honored and a tree planted in his name. STC is the kick off for the Borough Eco Weekend starting with Arbor Day April 24th at 1:45 pm, Wildwood School. Janet Horst has worked since last summer on an adaption of Seven Blindmen and the Elephant. The 4th Grade students at Wildwood School will present the skit in pantomime. STC agreed Borough Council and Jerry Uhring should be invited to attend the skit.

7. Marnie submitted a form to NJ Tree Recovery Campaign Partners 2015 to receive 1,000 free 2ft. to 4 ft. tree saplings available for pick-up between April 2 and April 17 to help replace trees lost in Hurricane Sandy. The saplings will be planted during Eco Weekend. Each Wildwood student will receive a sapling, leaving 500 saplings for STC and Woodlands to plant while cleaning the pocket parks for Eco Weekend. STC members will directly be in charge of planting these trees as they clean the pocket parks.

8. An invitation to invite Bob Hoffman to an STC meeting was tabled for a later date.

9. An invitation to the new zoning officer was tabled for a later date.

Meeting Adjourned 9:30 am.

Next meeting April 9th, 2015

Respectfully submitted: Heather Scott

