

Mountain Lakes Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

September 10th, 2015 8:30 am Borough Hall

Members Present: Consuelo Murtagh, Heather Scott, Blair Bravo, Sandy Batty

1. Comments from the Public: None
2. Minutes for June 2015 were reviewed and approved.
3. Moving forward, STC will meet at 6pm Borough Hall.
4. STC members met with Chris Hasbrook to discuss the status of the 2015-2020 Community Forestry Management Plan (CFMP). Chris requested various items for the CFMP, STC working on getting information to him.
5. Green Communities Grant was applied for a grant for Lorraine Knopoka as a borough Arborist. Consuelo must re-submit for a grant for borough Arborist Chris Hasbrook.
6. Tree Survey and data input update Consuelo will organize new STC and members and give support for entering data into system in September. Home owner letters are to be delivered to Consuelo who will take to Michele Reilly to mail from Borough Hall. Some trees were not taken down last year. Of note, over 15 phone calls to Borough over tree issues, including an insurance claim. A report of new residents removing trees was discussed. Permits and zoning Ordinances should be followed. STC suggested assistants be provided to Council to help keep Council informed of potential issues such as the sludge piled on tree roots at Briarcliff. Chris Hasbrook will work with Borough to consult on homeowner calls and tree take down questions. Frank Borin is STC Council Liason.
7. Sandy Batty is to attend CORE training October 23, 24 2015 in Atlantic City.
8. STC Continuing Education Unit to take place September 22nd, Consuelo will attend.

Meeting adjourned 9:38am

Next Meeting October 8, 2015

6 pm Borough Hall

Respectfully submitted: Heather Scott