

Mountain Lakes Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting

May 9th, 2018

7:00 p.m. MLHS Media Center

Meeting has been noticed to the newspapers and media

Members Present: Marnie Vyff, Consuelo Murtagh, Heather Scott, Phyllis Deering, John Briggs, Borough Council Liason Cynthia Korman

Members Absent: Chris Capodanno, Jay Eveleth, Blair Bravo

1. Comments from the Public: Lynn Uhrig's letter from public attendance.
2. A slide point presentation by Borough Arborist Kris Hasbrouck can be found on the STC website.
3. Kris Hasbrouck discussed the possibility of a tree service taking down ash trees not yet a hazard, and the purchase of said timber from the Borough. Kris will be available for to hire to give an estimate of the number of ash trees on Borough land suitable for take down.
4. Kris stated the chemicals used to treat ash trees must be given until such a time the EAB was no longer a threat.
5. Consuelo is promoting the EAB event on Borough website and STC website. Flyers for event hung around town to publicize. Heather to promote event at Garden Club. Email blast will be sent to residents.
6. Kris explained waiting to take down an ash tree until killed by the borer is not safe for contractors to climb the tree, as the branches are brittle.

7. Excerpt from public attendance, Lynn Uhrig. “EAB’S will kill 99% of the ash trees in NJ, as they have done in other states. They have been reported only 25 miles from here. These flying 1/2 inch long green beetles emerge from ash trees in April and are active until August. The certified arborist advised us to cut down ash trees before EAB larvae bore into the inner bark and disrupt the transport of nutrients. Two residents in the audience moved to Mountain Lakes from Ohio and Chicago where they experienced the loss of all their ash trees except ones treated. They described the devastation.”

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Next Meeting June 14th, 2018

6 p.m. Borough Hall

Heather Scott