

Mountain Lakes Shade Tree Commission – meeting minutes

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Members attending: Sandy Batty, Dan Amato, Lucas Stelling, Doren Greene, Rebecca Hirschfeld, Cynthia Korman: Borough liaison,

1. **May minutes** were passed as written.
2. **Salem Oak** – Phyllis emailed that she has the oak in a pot at her house, Members discussed placement, and historic significance. Possibly we can write a story for the website.
3. **Tree Inventory** Members discussed the Inventory that Sandy had emailed to the commission and how to make changes easily. The commission agreed that it's best to work from the master list. Perhaps we can place it on a Google drive that all can access. The trees planted last year should be added to the inventory; most are along the Boulevard. We can look into new software for tree inventories but would probably have to get a grant to cover the cost.
4. **Water bags.** Lucas noted that not all the trees that we planted last winter have water bags. Sandy will check with DPW.
5. **Liaison Updates**
 - MLHS Student Update** – (Rebecca) The Environmental Club had its last meeting of the school year. They reported their accomplishments including the Botanical Garden at the High School, the Earth Day Coffee House Fundraiser that raised over \$300, and film screenings.
6. **Saplings to be planting on Intervale Road** – JCP&L gave 20-25 saplings to Parsippany to be planted in the area off Route 46 where they took down many trees last year.
7. **Stump Removal & removing vines:** Cynthia talked to the Borough Manager about the issue of stump grinding and vine removal. The Manager said stump grinding is expensive and also the DPW is has a lot of other pressing concerns. The Manager said he could put vine removal as part of the RFP when the town goes out to bid for tree work.

Meeting ended at 8:00 PM.

Next meeting is Wednesday, Sept 14, 2022.