

# Shade Tree Commission of Mountain Lakes Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

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**Present:** Sandy Batty, Lucas Stelling, Dan Amato, Chris Cannon, Doren Greene, Marnie Vyff, Julia Weiner: Student Member

**June 2023 Minutes-** With the correction of adding Doren's name to the attendees, the June minutes were accepted.

**Welcome** to Julia Weiner our new Student Member and High School liaison.

**Tree Walks** - Sandy suggests our deadline is the end of September to get the walks done. Just a marked-up version is fine. Marnie will call Chris Capodanno to see if we can help with his walks.

We discussed a split tree at 7 Point View Place that is hazardous and was on a previous list. Sandy will let the Borough know that although the tree was on our list, it was overlooked when the Borough contracted for the removal of trees in town. Marnie suggested that in the future, we each walk our prune & remove lists after the tree company says they have finished to make sure they are done.

**Arborist visit** – Sandy, Phyllis, Chris and Doren walked with the arborist. He mentioned the volcano mulching issue at Memorial Park. Sandy said the DPW was re-mulching the trees in donuts. Doren said the arborist was interesting and informative.

**Pruning incentive** - We want to make a presentation to Council - Lucas will pull something together by our next meeting.

**Townwide flyer** - Phyllis laid out the flyer Sandy wrote. We will use our education budget to fund it - \$375 for our side. Woodlands has the other side. Looks good.

**CEUs-** Need 8 credits for 2023 and we have none. We should all look at the Shade Tree Federation for the Convention where we could get them. Oct. 26&27 in Cherry Hill. Mountain Lakes will pay for us to go. Dan thought he might be able to do one day.

**Tree plantings** - Discussed the trees that were suggested for planting by the entrance to Island Beach parking, which the Borough said should not be planted. After discussion, it was thought we should meet with Mitchell to discuss possible planting locations there. Also some trees on the beach seem to be suffering and might need to be replaced. Lucas suggested planting from Cobb Rd to Fanny Rd on the Boulevard. Some Boulevard trees are dying. Mitchell needs to tell Morris County about the trees that need to be pruned or removed.

### Liaison reports

Minutes taken by Marnie Vyff. The next meeting will be October 11, 2023.

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**High School** - Julia suggested she apply for the schools to join Arbor Day Foundation K-12 Tree Campus School. It was thought to be a good idea. Marnie suggested contacting Phyllis as she manages our Arbor Day celebration. Julia has the Memorial Tree Certificates that Margaret gave her. Marnie can help her complete them. Sandy suggested the website could be updated. Julia hadn't worked with the Wordpress software before but Sandy, Doren, and Marnie offered to help.

**Environmental Commission** - No news.

**Woodlands** - No news.

**Other Business** - Evidently there was a missed email from someone a few years ago applying to join STC. There is an open space so we should drum up membership and contact those who have shown interest.