

Mountain Lakes Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2014
8:30 am Borough Hall

Members Present: Consuelo Murtagh, Marnie Vyff, Janet Horst, Tom Caine, Heather Scott, Jay Eveleth

1. Comments from the Public: None

2. The minutes from March 13, 2014 were amended and approved.

3. Empty Bowls, is seeking representation of STC at event on Wednesday April 23, 2014 at the Mountain Lakes High School. Tom will work shift one from 5:30-6:30pm and Consuelo will work 6:30-7:30pm. Janet will make paper matching game to match tree leaves to tree type for an activity. Tom will bring his i-pad to show the Leaf Snap application for identifying tree leaves to trees. STC goal of Empty Bowls event is to have residents plant a tree. Jay may collect acorns to pass out as an incentive.

4. Marnie posted Arbor Day information in Neighbor News. Janet says Stephanie Halpin will photograph adults at Arbor Day Event to post on our website, and potentially submit to Tree City yearly package for certification. Janet discussed the details of the skit the Where the Wildwood Things Are. A practice will take place on April 23rd at Wildwood School.

5. Mountain Lakes is officially certified the Tree City USA designation for the 2014 year.

6. STC is applying for a \$1,000 grant from Town club to be used to plant more trees.

7. Heather S. discussed the conference she attended at Duke Farms on March 19, 2014. The conference is approved by the Community Forestry Program for 3 CEUs. The conference was the 2014 New Jersey Invasive Species Conference, which reviewed the status of invasive species in New Jersey, debut of the smart phone and tablet tools to identify and manage invasive species, offered an informative talk by Dr. Randi Eckel, and a session on outdoor herbicide application. Participants included Master Gardeners, and Community Forestry members.

8. The Borough was given notice of trees needing taken down at 145 Morris, and 12 Maple Way.

9. Lorraine Konopka met with Consuelo, and Bob Tovo to discuss STC role and STC 5 year plan. Lorraine will attend the May 8th STC meeting.

10. Other: Marnie has a tree she grew to give away.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am. **Next Meeting May 8th, 2014.**

Respectfully submitted: Heather Scott