

Mountain Lakes Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes
May 8th, 2014
8:30 am Borough Hall

Members Present: Consuelo Murtagh, Janet Horst, Heather Scott, Jay Eveleth

1. Comments from the Public: None

2. Welcome to our guest Lorraine Konopka, Mountain Lakes Borough Certified Tree Expert. STC and Lorraine had an informative meet and greet. Lorraine discussed her background as a Certified Tree Expert and her work for the Borough of Mountain Lakes.

3. The minutes from April 10, 2014 were amended and approved.

4. Arbor Day outcome was exceptional. Janet's work with the Wildwood school, principal, and children was a very involved and successful event. A photograph of the event featuring Marnie Vyff and Award Recipient Heather Carr, was featured on the front page of Neighbor News. The maple tree to honor Heather Carr will be planted in the park area at the border of Wildwood Lake on N. Briarcliff Road. Janet has ideas for next year Arbor Day event based on the book, 'The Blind Men and the Elephant' by John Saxe.

5. Empty Bowls was a well attended event. STC had a table and Jay handed out potted acorns, Tom had his I-pad available with the Leaf Snap Program, Consuelo passed out the matching game Janet made, with a lollipop as a prize. Parents and children enjoyed the displays.

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

7. 2014 Inventory Reviews Planning discussion will be continued.

8. Other: Heather S. to email Consuelo information regarding the 3 forestry CEU's earned for STC as a result of attending the Duke Farms Conference. Janet will follow up on an "Origins" skin cream advertisement campaign to plant trees in Mountain Lakes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am. **Next Meeting June 12th, 2014.**

Respectfully submitted: Heather Scott