

# Mountain Lakes Shade Tree Commission

## Minutes

May 14, 2025

Members attending: Cath Mitchell, Phyllis Deering, Tony Forman, Doren Greene, Roxanne Tavakkol, Sandy Batty, Tom Menard (Council Liaison)

**April minutes** approved as submitted

**Community Forestry Management Plan and grant application:** Sandy is working on finalizing the grant application for the CFMP. While the grant deadline is rolling, the plan is due by 12/31. A subcommittee (Sandy, Phyllis, Roxanne) will work on the grant, with the arborist, and then report back to the Commission with updates.

**Arbor Day celebration** - 5/21 at 1:00pm at Wildwood. Seedlings arrived. Anyone who wants to attend please let Phyllis know. Honoring Lucas with a tree but he cannot attend ceremony so family might accept on his behalf. 1st graders will receive tree saplings. Phyllis ordered 100 willow oak seedlings. Briana will bag them with instructions for Arbor Day. Phyllis and Briana will arrive at 12:30 to judge posters for contest. and the mayor will read the proclamation.

**Tree Inventory** – Sandy accompanied the DPW representative and contractor to mark trees for pruning or removal from our 2024 recommendations. Briana will come up with monthly posts for the Borough Blast. We will ask DPW to remove stakes from trees planted two years ago.

**Tree planting** -We will plan to visit to Cerbo's facility in Newton in late Spring, as per Cerbo's availability to determine their inventory and species that we will purchase.

**Vines** The members discussed vines that are strangling trees. In particular, wisteria, and poison ivy, which is difficult to remove because it causes an allergic reaction. Sandy will check with Mitchell Stern to find out what can be done.

**Liaison report:** No High School member present.

**Other business:** 6/18 7-8 Next meeting due to garden club conflict that involves several members on our regular meeting date.