

Mountain Lakes Shade Tree Commission

Minutes

June 18, 2025

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

May minutes approved as submitted

Community Forestry Management Plan and grant application: Sandy is working on finalizing the grant application for the CFMP. Our plan expires on 12/31. A subcommittee (Sandy, Phyllis, Roxanne) will work on the plan, with the arborist. Sandy will send them the link for the CFMP instructions from the NJ DEP Community Forestry website.

Arbor Day celebration – We honored Lucas Stelling at Arbor Day but he cannot attend so his wife accepted for him. The ceremony was much smaller this year, inside with only the first graders attending. Each first grader received a tree sapling. Phyllis and Briana judged posters for contest and the mayor read the proclamation. We need to decide whether we hold the ceremony at Wildwood next year or move it to Briarcliff or the High School or some other public venue.

Tree planting -We will visit to Cerbo's facility in Newton in June, to determine their inventory and species that we will purchase.

Tree Inventory Briana reported that a tree at 95 Ball Road that has long had a sign for removal has not been taken down. It might involve JCP&L. Sandy will let DPW know. Sandy will send the members the data sheets for the rights-of-way on Borough streets.

Liaison report: No High School member present.