**Minutes Mountain Lakes EC meeting – September 16, 2026**
**Members present: Pawan Gaitonde, Robert Platt, Scott Dubnoff, Dan Gates, Cynthia Korman, Milan Sheth, Mimi Kaplan**

BC Liaison: not present

ML High School Liaisons: Samantha Hirschfeld, Charlotte Caggiano

Meeting convened: 7:39pm

July 2026 meeting minutes approved

Community light pollution discussion:

- School lighting: will try to encourage Dark Sky lighting approved light fixtures
- Business lighting: students will discuss a process to evaluate business lightling

School botanical garden project: discussed

Gas powered leaf blower ordinance:

- will work to obtain ordinance templates and information from local towns with ordinances (Montclair and Maplewood)

Coordination of Borough environmental groups:

- Fall Fest 10/11/26: 1-4 pm, MLEC will staff an information table re projects (leave the leaves, light pollution, water conservation)

Rain garden expansion: planning in process – Brian Marshall and Eagle Scout representative to request grant from Brough

Business administration:

- Planning Board update: Mimi Kaplan - no applications pending
- Lakes Committee update: Scott Dubnoff – messaging to lakefront homeowners regarding riparian buffers
- Green Team update: Mimi Kaplan – multiple projects in place to achieve Silver Status
- WRWAC update: Cynthia Korman - MS4 and storm water action plan discussed; pesticide use and rainwater runoff information to homeowners
- BC liaison: data center policy to be updated

Meeting adjourned 8:58 pm Next Meeting: 10/21/26 7:30 pm