

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 14, 2009 MEETING

Present: Todd Bradbury, George Futterknecht, John Kashwick, Anthony Lupardi, Sr. and
Louise Ungar

Guest : Leslie Weatherly

Absent: Nils Abate, Susan Boudet and Richard Ryan

In the absence of the chairperson, Tony called the meeting to order with the Open Meetings Statement. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the November 9th meeting were approved as written. The Roll Call was taken. Is there a requirement about attendance at meetings?

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Correspondence:

A sales catalog was received from Moore Medical supply experts (will be recycled).

Congratulations were received from a homeowner on Knickerbocker Road who was pleased with the tree that was planted and called to let us know.

Old Business:

Leslie informs us the list of tree work remaining from last year, including 22 take downs and 3 pruning, was sent out to five companies.

We took down 60 trees this year and planted 115 new trees. A variety of species of trees were planted. It was noted indication of cross streets would be helpful for the vendors when planting trees. It would also be helpful for us to have a copy of ANSI specifications. This information will be ordered.

We should think about spring plantings. During discussion, Beech, Hawthorne and Cherry were mentioned as good varieties to plant. Some formerly planted species used would be good also.

300 years of Closter history will be celebrated during the month of April. Could a special tree be planted (perhaps Copper Beech) at Volunteer Square? Could a Poster Board Display of older trees in town be made? This could be placed in the Library.

Tony will e-mail the Arbor Day pictures he has to Leslie.

Do we have any ideas for Alternate Members? All commission members are asked to work on this.

There was no report on the Management Plan.

It is our understanding the Planning Board agreed with our recommendation of Shade Trees being 12/15 feet in on the property.

Shade Tree requirements on new construction are in the ordinance already. We should follow up on this.

Regarding the CEU credits, George had registered for a class in December, but it was postponed until March. He will notify Todd Wyckoff at the New Jersey Forest Service Community Forestry Program and see if anything can be done to include it in this year's requirements. Five credits were taken during the year by Ray Cywinski.

John has filed for a Grant. We will be notified sometime in January as to the status.

The Borough Administrator would not have a problem with us using the retention basin at Trautwein Crescent as a showcase for possible solutions for solving sidewalk problems.

New Business:

The Tree City USA application must be submitted. John distributed copies of the report he had prepared. He was thanked for a good job!

Leslie reported Ken's Tree Care has almost completed the pruning contract he was awarded.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise G. Ungar
Secretary