

CLOSTER SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8, 2013 MEETING

Present: Nils Abate, George Futterknecht, John Kashwick, Anthony Lupardi, Sr., Keith Scholz, and Louise Ungar, Members; and Leslie Weatherly, Coordinator
Absent: Todd Bradbury, Anthony Ix and Patricia Ix
Guest: Bill Fuchs

Nils called the meeting to order with the Open Meetings Statement. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and attendance taken.

The minutes of the March 11th meeting were approved as presented with the correction that the Budget request amount approved was \$40,000.00.

Meeting Opened to the Public:

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Correspondence:

A letter from the Emerson Shade Tree Commission Chairman, Ken Hoffman, suggests a joint meeting of commissions and committees be held to discuss issues of properly maintaining municipal trees. An exact date has not been set, but a meeting is proposed for sometime during the summer months. After discussion, it was decided to send an affirmative response.

A package was received from Tree City USA containing a flag, hat and decals for our signs. This is our thirteenth year for the designation.

Old Business:

Tony reported trees have been chosen to be planted in honor of Arbor Day. A Dog Wood tree will be planted at Hillside School and a Honey Locust or Red Oak at Tenakill School. Nils is still trying to make contact for a date for the plantings. It was suggested other locations in town might be used in the future. M/S/C with one abstention we approve the expenditure of \$530.00 for the trees to be planted at the schools in honor of Arbor Day.

Bill Fuchs has checked the tree for Mrs. Rhodes at 4 Smith Street and did not see any issues warranting removal by the Shade Tree Commission. She may, however, take the tree down at her own expense if she wishes.

Regarding the Five Year Forestry Management Plan, Leslie will check on the processing of the Grant we had received toward the \$4,250.00 quote from Paul Cowie to work on the plan.

The Environmental Commission will fund \$3,000.00 of the cost for tree removal and planting of street trees at Ruckman Park.

There was no other Old Business.

New Business:

It is noted that at the July meeting the plans for planting of new trees should be finalized.

Leslie states there are still some stumps from the "Sandy" storm that need to be addressed.

There being no further business, M/S/C the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Louise G. Ungar, Secretary