

# **CLOSTER SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

## **MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2013 MEETING**

Present: Nils Abate, George Futterknecht, Anthony Ix, Anthony Lupardi, Sr.,  
Keith Scholz, and Louise Ungar, Members

Absent: Todd Bradbury and John Kashwick

Guest: Proposed New Member Patricia Ix

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

Nils installed Patricia Ix as Alternate Member #2 of the commission.

The minutes of the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as presented.

### **Meeting Opened to the Public:**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Nils stated he had a telephone conversation with Mr. Reuten of Reuten Associates, 239 Herbert Avenue, regarding trees he wished to take down. The trees he discussed were not street trees and it was suggested he contact the Building Department.

### **Correspondence:**

There was a letter from David Hollenbeck regarding a presentation on "Planting the Right Tree in the Right Location" at Bergen Community College, Paramus Campus, Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Four representatives from each town are urged to attend i.e., Mayor and Council members, Department of Public Works, Shade Tree Commission members.

A contribution of \$50.00 toward the Closter Arbor Day celebration was received from Mrs. Sally Tayeb of Zendiggi Kebab House, 228 Closter Dock Road.

### **Old Business:**

George stated that although we have no official word from Todd, it is believed the Trimming and Maintenance in District #6 has been done as well as the planting in District #1. For the information of our new members, it was stated that these contracts are sent out for bid each year.

An e-mail was sent again to Leslie Weatherly with the quote from Paul Cowie for the 5 Year Forestry Management Plan. The \$3,000.00 grant has been approved and the Borough Administrator is working on expediting this.

We believe John has submitted the necessary paper work for the Tree City USA award.

Regarding the plantings at the parks, it is noted we are only responsible for the street trees in these locations. Keith brought a proposal to the Environmental Commission and they are in favor of financially participating, but request trees with deep roots be planted. \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00 would enable a nice planting of about ten trees in an approximate 308 feet of space.

There was no other Old Business.

There were no new tree problems reported.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Louise G. Ungar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'L' and 'U'.

Louise G. Ungar, Secretary