

CLOSTER SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2013 MEETING

Present: George Futterknecht, Anthony Ix, John Kashwick, Anthony Lupardi, Sr.,
Keith Scholz, and Louise Ungar, Members
Absent: Nils Abate, Todd Bradbury and Patricia Ix
Guest: Bill Fuchs
Public: Joseph Bianco

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

The minutes of the February 11th meeting were approved as presented with the change that Patricia Ix be listed as a member.

Meeting Opened to the Public:

Joseph Bianco of 7 McArthur Avenue spoke. He has been a long-time resident and has seen trees being pruned and planted. He is concerned with clear cutting being done and the loss of trees. Are our Ordinances adequate? Should something be done to protect these trees?

The commission is only concerned with street trees. It was stated that at the current time a program is in place whereby the street trees are pruned and maintained in one voting district each year. New trees are planted in another district that same year.

Correspondence:

Brochures and specifically addressed mail were distributed. Mrs. Rhodes of 4 Smith Street requests that a tree in front of her window be cut down. Bill Fuchs was asked to take a look at the tree for us. Richard Ryan of 212 Knickerbocker Road seeks pruning and removal of two trees. It is our understanding they are his trees and therefore not our responsibility.

Old Business:

Nobody attended the "Planting the Right Tree in the Right Location" presentation on February 15th at Bergen Community College in Paramus.

It was reported the Trimming and Maintenance Program has been completed and paid for. Arrow Tree Service did the trimming and DeCarlo did the take downs. Districts #2 and #5 will be addressed in 2013.

John informs us the state's agreement for the Grant for Paul Cowie has been received. The Tree City USA information has been submitted.

Keith states the Environmental Commission will fund the street plantings at Ruckman Park through the Open Space Trust Fund.

John reports our Budget request for \$4,000.00 has been approved.

There was no other Old Business.

New Business:

Planting trees for Arbor Day at the two school was discussed. M/S/C \$650.00 be allocated for the plantings. There was a brief discussion regarding the location at Tenakill School.

It was stated the League of Municipalities wants to pilot a program for Vegetation Management. Are there any objections to this? None voiced.

The question was asked if anybody has gotten any CEU's? Two people have to get a total of eight this year. Bill Fuchs has taken some courses that could be counted.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Louise G. Ungar".

Louise G. Ungar, Secretary