

**CLOSTER SHADE TREE COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2013 MEETING**

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

Nils opened the meeting with the Public Meetings Statement. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Roll Call taken.

The minutes of the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as presented.

**Meeting Opened to the Public:**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**Correspondence:**

It was thought some informational articles that had been placed in our mail box should be copied for everyone. Leslie will take care of this.

**Old Business:**

Leslie, Todd and Nils attended a meeting held by the Emerson Commission. About nine boroughs were represented and much sharing was done. One town individually picks their trees for planting. Some towns have assistance from their Department of Public Works. Another meeting is expected to be held in the future.

Nils stated no further contact has been made by Paul Cowie regarding the Forestry Management Plan.

Leslie informs us the request for quotes for planting trees were sent out. Out of four persons contacted, three persons responded. Cleatus gave the low quote. It was suggested all the trees should be staked, but after discussion it was decided they should be staked only where necessary. M/S/C we accept the quote of Cleatus for \$14,160.00 for street trees and \$5,640.00 for the trees at Ruckman Park.

It was noted the old trees at Ruckman Park need to be removed and the stumps ground.

There is no information regarding the Sidewalk Maintenance Grant.

Discussion was held regarding the Perry Street tree plantings. It is suggested Horn Beam and European Columnar trees be used.

Trimming and Maintenance work in Voting District #5 should be put out for quotes. There was discussion about whom should be contacted and several suggestions were made.

Leslie spoke about some tree inspection work that needs to be done: #31 Robinhood Road needs to be looked at; 25 Westervelt Avenue should be addressed; 75 Everett Street tree possibly needs to be taken down; and 66 Columbus Avenue tree needs to be checked.

George states some soil is needed at Pollack Square Park in a low spot. It is suggested perhaps the Department of Public Works could take care of that. A Cherry Tree is also to be planted there.

Do we have enough CEU's for this year?

**New Business:**

It was stated sidewalk repairs were done at the September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial a few years ago. Discussion is going on about possibly more needed.

There was discussion about follow-up maintenance of recent tree plantings. We will check our budget toward the end of the year to see if this can be done.

George states the Black Gum tree used last year is a spectacular tree.

John occasionally notices trees that were planted have disappeared. Could pictures of the new plantings be taken when they are done?

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise G. Ungar".

Louise G. Ungar  
Secretary