

CLOSTER SHADE TREE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 14, 2014 MEETING

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

Absent: Anthony Ix, Patricia Ix and Keith Scholz

Guest: Bill Fuchs

Nils called the meeting to order and read the Public Meetings Statement. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Roll Call taken.

The minutes of the March 10th meeting were approved with the amendment that April 28th is Arbor Day, not April 25th as stated.

Meeting Opened to the Public:

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Correspondence:

Leslie informs us Charlie Lee, 375 Demarest Avenue, requests a tree. He was informed we are not planting trees between the curb and the sidewalk, but on the lawns. He then declined the tree.

George stated he will take care of the Hoffman tree on Closter Dock Road.

Mrs. Getter of 47 Trautwein Crescent has two trees and inquired about a sidewalk problem.

Old Business:

Arbor Day plantings will be held on April 28th at 10:00am at Hillside School and 11:00am at the Library. Members are encouraged to attend.

Cleatus will take care of the street trees that are tilted.

Possible topping of the town trees is not a bad idea, but thought to be expensive. Tony will check on a possible cost. If done, this should be on a continuous basis of perhaps every two years.

At this time two holes have been made along Perry Street for the trees that are to be planted.

It was noted that the Pear trees in front of Borough Hall should be looked at.

There was discussion regarding mitigation of trees for new construction. It was stated Street Trees are important.

The Pollack Square Cherry tree will also be moved to a new location and planted a little higher.

John states we are allocated \$37,500.00 from the Operating Budget for this year. The Mitigation Fund amount is not yet available. Hopefully it will be addressed at the April 23rd meeting.

Regarding the Open Tree Mapping Program trial, Nils informs us he was not very impressed with the way the trial functioned. It was difficult to input trees although the mapping is great. It did not have information about the trees and it was very expensive to use. We will continue to look for programs.

George went to the Green Team Meeting and tells us there were very few things for the Shade Tree Commission to do.

The Borough is waiting for the receipt of the signed copies of the 5 Year Forestry Management Plan from Trenton.

A supply of the paperback book "Why Would Anyone Cut a Tree Down?" has been provided to us to distribute for Arbor Day. It will be read to the children at the Library on that day.

New Business:

There was no New Business.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Louise G. Ungar
Secretary