

CLOSTER SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2014 MEETING

Present: Nils Abate, Todd Bradbury, George Futterknecht, John Kashwick, Anthony Lupardi, Sr., Pat Ix, Keith Scholz and Leslie Weatherly, Coordinator

Absent: Anthony Ix, Louis Unger

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 April 14th meeting was approved.

Meeting Opened to the Public:

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Correspondence:

No correspondence to review.

Old Business:

Arbor Day Planting was held on April 28th at Hillside Elementary School and the Closter Public Library. The participants at the Library were the Jack in the Box Nursery while they attended "Reading Hour" at library. The STC provided a book, Why Would Anyone Cut Down a Tree, was read at the Reading Hour and copies were given to the students. The Tenakill Middle School's Student Council of Grades 5 & 6, accompanied by Ms. DaGiau and two of the science teachers also participated. Lupardi's Nursery generously donated the labor to dig the hole and the mulch/flowers surrounding the tree.

Cleatus Farms- Follow-up tree work is pending.

Pollack Square Tree –CleatusFarm suggestion was to leave tree and replace when needed due to the cost associated with move. The trees at Ruckman Park are pending.

Topping downtown trees- Mr. Lupardi (Tony) researched this project and provided a proposal from Arrow in the amount of \$4,750.00

Estimated number of trees to be topped is 20. Further discussion as to the time of year to prune. 25% mentioned as the volume to be pruned.

Perry Street status: Pending utility markings

STC has asked the Borough Administrator to address the correction of the sidewalk located in the front of Borough Hall.

Mitigation Money- Leslie is assisting the Finance office in the disposition of funds from mitigation.

5 Year Forestry Management Plan: Modification required on the dates- s/b 2014- 2018. Amended copies (2) mailed on May 6th. Pending approval.

New Business:

Mrs. Getter of 47 Trautwein Crescent – On May 15th George Futterknecht, representing the Shade Tree Commission, will be present to observe and provide guidance

Cleatus Farms: Concern voiced about the health of Styracaceae (Carolina Silver Bell) at various locations partial blooming observed. River Birch at Ruckman also questioned as to the health of these trees.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat lx

Covering for Louise Unger