

## **CLOSTER SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2014 MEETING**

Present: Todd Bradbury, George Futterknecht, Anthony Lupardi Sr, Brian Stabile., Pat Ix and Leslie Weatherly, Coordinator

Absent: Anthony Ix, Keith Scholz, Nils Abate, John Kashwick

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

The minutes of the September 8<sup>th</sup>, meeting approved.

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

#### **Correspondence:**

Copy of the letter from the Borough Attorney was provided

**Inspections :** Per George – Ruckman trees continue to struggle; discussion on stressed trees this year.

#### **Old Business:**

Todd will Provide an email with list of trees that have to be replaced: Leslie Weatherly will forward list to Cleatus Farms for replacement

George will speak to Brian about the trees at Ruckman (Cherry Trees/raising the soil)

Leslie Weatherly will speak with Bill Dahle about adding soil to the low spots. George will mark the exact spots where soil is required. Area to be staked and painted with white "X" on 10/14 or 15th

Commission approved DeCarlo to take down trees in District 4

Commission approved Cleatus for new plantings District 3- Motion to approve 33 trees with option to increase to 40 using unit price provided.

Species discussed: Prunus, Styrax, Sugar Maple, Nysa, Plantans

Todd will be attending the Shade Tree Federation annual meeting.

### **New Business**

Specs for pruning of downtown trees will be submitted and quotes reviewed in next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat lx

**BOROUGH OF CLOSTER**  
**RESOLUTION REGARDING THE POLICY FOR PLANTING,  
 PRUNING AND REMOVING TREES**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Borough to plant, prune, and remove certain trees within the Borough of Closter; and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of implementing its own ordinances only, it shall be the Borough's policy to plant trees in the area that is no more than 15 feet from the curblin measured from the center of the tree trunk, two feet above the ground; and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of implementing its own ordinances only, it shall be the Borough's policy to prune those trees that are located in the area of the side walk that is no more than 15 feet from the curblin measured from the center of the tree trunk, two feet above the ground; and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of implementing its own ordinances only, it shall be the Borough's policy to remove dead or diseased trees that are located in the area that is no more than 10 feet from the curblin measured from the center of the tree trunk, two feet above the ground; and

WHEREAS, this policy in no way is to be interpreted as the acceptance of any additional liability for such trees than is otherwise already afforded under the laws and statutes of the State of New Jersey and this policy is for the purpose of uniformly administering the Borough's Code only.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Closter that the aforementioned policy be implemented for the purposes of uniformly implementing the Borough's Code only.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Building Department and to the Shade Tree Commission.

Councilperson	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Glidden		X	X			
Councilwoman Latner			X			
Councilman Kashwick	X		X			
Councilman Barad					X	
Councilman Dolson			X			
Councilwoman Amitai					X	

Adopted: October 22, 2014

ATTEST:

Loretta Castano  
 Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk

APPROVED:

Sophie Heymann  
 Sophie Heymann, Mayor

Certified to be a true copy of Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Closter at the Regular Meeting held October 22, 2014.

Loretta Castano  
 Loretta Castano, Borough Clerk