

CLOSTER SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2014 MEETING

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

Absent: Anthony Ix, Keith Scholz

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 July 14, 2014 meeting approved.

Meeting Opened to the Public:

Present: Andy and Stacy Albaum 157 Crescent / Silver Maple

Discussed the Silver Maple on their property. Mr. Albaum reviewed Borough resolution with STC. He mentioned he had already contacted Rockland. They directed him to STC and suggested that STC contact Rockland. Rockland will be contacted to address the possibility of having the tree removed. The tree appears to be outside of the STC arena for removal.

Correspondence:

Jamie Kopf- request for tree/ 10 Bizzoni

Inspections : Styra 163 Closter Dock – declining rapidly

Ruckman Park- 3 cherry trees removed along Piermont 1 Birch dead. Along Ruckman 1 cherry dead and two others 50% dead

ACTION: Request DPW fill in with soil on the low lying areas on the Piermont side of Ruckman Park

Past Inspection items:

Silver Bell and River Birch – 3 town trees
Styrax @
518 High Street
163 Closter Dock
185 Closter Dock
37 Pine Hill Road

Old Business:

157 Crescent : After having Bill Fuchs measure & hopefully hearing from Rockland Electric, we should vote and notify the home owners.

147 Crescent - made a request for tree removal, out of range also for STC coverage.

Multiphase follow up – The request to have Hardwood placed not satisfied. The Building Department will be instructed to have this entered on their agenda

Updated correspondence from Cleatus received –

“I think we have address all the issues from the June 9th meeting.

The birches were pruned, the Zelkovas were staked, and the styrax were pruned, and

I believe the replacement tree was planted in a different location.

The cherries in the park are in a poor area that has a high water table a holds water at times. These should be replaced with a wetlands trees like Birches, October Glory, Pin or White Swamp Oak. I would not recommend replacing them with the same family of tree (Ornamental Flowering Fruit Tree) over time the same problem will surface.

Let me know if there are any other issues.”

Borough Resolution for Planting, Pruning and Removing of Trees:

Reviewed and suggested that paragraph 4 be amended to read

WHEREAS, for the purposes of implementing its own ordinances only, "it shall be at the Borough's discretion to remove dead or diseased trees that are located in the area that is no more than 10' (ten feet) from the street edge to the center of the tree"

Motion submitted to borough attorney and pending approval from the Mayor and Council.

Tree Pruning: "Structure" pruning of new trees. Focus to be on Pears and Zelkova

Fall Planting: Approximately 50 new trees

Varieties discussed: Nyssa, GreenGable, Sugar Maple, White Oak, Aesculus, Parrotia

New STC member: Brian Stabile will be appointed September 10.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat lx