Closter Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes February 13, 2017

Call to Order

Reading of the Public Meetings Statement Pledge of Allegiance Swearing In of New Member Maria Hiletzaris

II. Roll Call

Present: Nils Abate, David Barad, John

Kashwick, Maria Hiletzaris

Absent: Todd Bradbury, Charissa Craig,

George Futterknecht, Wanda Hollender, Anthony Lupardi Sr.,

Leslie

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were accepted as read

IV. Meeting Open To The Public

There were no public speakers

V. Correspondence

E-Mail from Ms. Jennings

VI. Take Down Requests 83 West Street

VII. Old Business

a) District Pruning/Takedowns & Stump Removals

Frank DeCarlo will be contacted regarding the time frame of work to be done. DeCarlo had stated end of March is a good time frame but will depend on the weather.

b) Tree Planting

A discussion took place regarding the idea that the tree planting could be done earlier than fall therefore setting up the budget is okay.

c) CEU Credits

Discussion took place and all CEU credits have been completed with 8 credits.

d) 128 O'Shaughnessy Lane

Recommendation was made by the committee allowing the resident to have the tree removed with the expense being paid by the homeowner. The homeowner was contacted and she said she would contact her attorney. As of today, we have not received any correspondence or calls.

VIII. New Business

a) 52 Harvard Street: Arrow was told to go and

inspect a Sycamore Maple Tree to see if it was within the measures according to the borough. According to the homeowner, Arrow told them that the tree should come down. It was discussed that Arrow would be contacted to find out the status. Also, Arrow is to be contacted to find out why they are discussing any business with the homeowner as to what the results were before reporting to the commission.

b) Commission Forestry Maintenance Plan:

The previous plan that was put in place was from 2013 through 2017. It was discussed to start putting together a new one to give us ample time to have it completed.

c) Tree Grants:

DEP Website should be visited to see what grants are available

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.