

Closter Shade Tree Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2017

I. Call to Order

Reading of the Public Meeting Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call

Present: Nils Abate, Todd Bradbury, George Futterknecht,
David Barad

Absent: Maria Hiletzaris, Anthony Lupardi, Sr.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were accepted as read

IV. Meeting open to the public

Joe Bianco was in attendance regarding 170 Hickory Lane. There is a new home being built. Shade Tree had planted 4 trees about 2 years ago. These 4 trees have been taken down and the stumps have been left behind. He was advised that we would be looking into it and communication will be made with the homeowner and builder as to why they were removed and if they have plans to replace them.

V. Correspondence

- 1) E-mail from John Kashwick regarding his resignation as a Shade Tree member

VI. Old Business

- 1) Regarding the grates...they are all completed and look beautiful. There is 1 that still needs to be completed. The tree is in good condition but not hazardous. We will see

what needs to be done to complete it and see if it fits into our budget.

- 2) Ash trees and keeping a log is being maintained by Todd Bradbury.
- 3) The 5 year plan is due by the end of 2018. We were given a 2 year grant by the state in the amount of \$3000. Paul Cowey will bill us in September 2017 for \$1125 which will be used by the end of the fiscal year. He will then bill us for the remainder once completed. We will get rolling in September putting the plan together.

VII. New Business

- 1) Locust tree on Maple Street was taken down. The rest of the street should be looked at. The homes on that street with the same trees will be assessed to be sure of any sidewalk conflict where the trees are. We will start to let the homeowners know about the possible takedowns and replanting. We can either do all trees at once or slowly house by house.
- 2) Membership is a high priority. We need to get new members

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm