

Closter Shade Tree Commission
Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 12, 2021

8:00 p.m.

Held remotely via Zoom

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call

Present: Nils Abate, Chair; Todd Bradbury; Scott Devlin, Council Liaison;
George Futterknecht; Miriam Lockhart, Secretary/Environmental Commission
Liaison; George Paschalis; Tsun Tam

Absent: Anthony Lupardi, Sr.

III. Approval of Minutes.

The March 8, 2021 minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. Public Comment - none

V. Old Business

a) 63 Bergenline Avenue. Two of four previously approved shade trees now have significant deer damage, due to lack of deer protection provided by STC to the homeowner. Trees will be re-evaluated; results to the Building Dept. If any trees are not acceptable, the homeowner will need to re-plant.

b) Watering newly planted shade trees. May 15-Sept. 15.
Mr. Bradbury and Mr. Futterknecht will write up specs for quotes.

c) Arbor Day 2021. Proclamation was read at the 3/24 Mayor & Council meeting. Thirty- three students in grades K-4 submitted artwork for the Arbor Day Poster Contest, up from 6 submissions last year. One winner and one honorable mention award for each grade will be chosen. Ms. Lockhart will contact the library re: displaying the "Trees Are Worth It" posters. Chairman Abate and Mr. Paschalis are organizing the Arbor Day tree planting and award ceremony at Tenakill and Hillside Schools on April 30th. Each of the 5 winners will have a shade tree planted on their street.

d) Hang tag for shade trees. Branding; get people in the community excited.
Weatherproof, to stay on tree, continue "marketing" on the tree.

VI. New Business

a) 80 Poplar Street. Not under STC jurisdiction.

b) Little Free Library - add books about trees

c) NJ Tree Federation. Mr. Bradbury reported on an inspiring tree planting event involving the community.

d) Tree inventory - Chairman Abate was contacted by a company providing this service. He will research.

VII. Liaison Reports

- a. Governing body. The Borough budget will be later than usual this year.
- b. Environmental Commission. Clean Up Closter is being planned for 4.24.21

VIII. Plans from Building Department. Review and comment

- a. 279 Demarest
- b. 39 Whitney St.
- c. 614 CDR
- d. 21 Pine Hill Rd
- e. 62 Taylor Drive
- f. 624 Piermont Rd.

VII. Adjournment: 9:27 p.m.