

Closter Shade Tree Commission

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 14, 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; Miriam Lockhart, Secretary/Environmental Commission Liaison; Anthony Lupardi, Sr.; George Paschalis; Tsun Tam

Absent: George Futterknecht

III. Approval of Minutes.

The May 10, 2021 minutes were approved.

IV. Public Comment - none

V. Old Business

- a) Borough attorney memorandum on watering newly planted shade trees in 2021. Discussion on gator bags as alternative.
- b) Ordinance 59-6B. Procedures for working with BD to enforce ordinance.
- c) 80 Oak Street. Shade trees heavily topped, severe damage. Chairman Abate will ask Mr. Fuchs to send letter to the homeowner, advising that further damage will incur penalties.
- d) Purchase Commission table skirt/banner. Mr. Paschalis will research.
- e) STC member status review. Recruit one alternate member. Mayor's June newsletter.
- f) 216 Knickerbocker. Soil movement; soil on roots of tree. Soil was moved.

VI. New Business

- a) Mayor's newsletter submission. Information on how to join the STC.
- b) NJUCF Stewardship Grant. STC will apply for tree inventory. Councilman Devlin will work with Borough grantwriter.
- c) Three new fact sheets on Borough STC page: Deer guards, New Tree Planting, and Avoiding Tree Damage. Motion: Ms. Lockhart. Second: Councilman Devlin.
- d) 47 Knickerbocker. No zones of protection installed. Chairman Abate will look into status of application.

e) 174 Durie. No response from BD to Mr. Paschalis's email. Chairman Abate will follow up with BD.

f) 552/558 High St. O&R will remove 5-6 trees. Trunk decay and excessive crown dieback.

g) 1 Heaton Court. Three trees down in 6/8 storm. H/O requesting 3 trees.

VII. Liaison Reports

a) Governing body. 231-239 Herbert Ave (Reuten Park). ZB discussion for 2 hours. Little progress. Developer requested to bifurcate application; ZB denied request.

b) Environmental Commission. Will host educational event at Buzzoni Park on 7/10/21 @ 3 pm.

VIII. Plans from Building Department. Review and comment

a. 216 Knickerbocker

b. 174 Durie

c. 126 CDR

d. 277 Schralenburgh

e. 766 CDR

f. 126 CDR

g. 47 Knickerbocker

VII. Adjournment: 9:32 p.m.

