

## **Closter Shade Tree Commission**

### **Meeting Minutes**

Monday, May 10, 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 April 12, 2021 minutes were approved as amended.

#### **IV. Public Comment - none**

#### **V. Old Business**

- a) Watering newly planted shade trees. May 15-Sept. 15.  
In attorney review. Chairman Abate will contact Ms. Weatherly next week.
- b) Pruning, District 4 and downtown, is complete. Mr. Bradbury met with contractor and discussed preferred pruning techniques.
- c) Arbor Day 2021 - Tremendous success. Tree planted at Hillside School in honor of Mr. Lupardi's 40 years with the Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Paschalis inquired about a plaque for the tree. Thanks to the Closter Library for a beautiful, large display of the "Trees Are Worth It!" artwork by the 10 winners of the Arbor Day Poster Contest.
- d) Purchase Commission table skirt/banner. Mr. Paschalis will research.

#### **VI. New Business**

- a) 80 Oak Street. Shade tree heavily topped, severe damage. Discussion on enforcement.
- b) Bond for tree mitigation, if mitigation cannot be achieved with planting. Discussion on enforcement. Chairman Abate will contact Borough Attorney. STC will discuss preferred procedures with code enforcement official.
- c) Mayor's newsletter topic: Do not prune street trees.
- d) More information for residents on STC website.

**VII. Liaison Reports**

- a. Governing body. Zoning Board to meet 6/10/21 on Reuten Park development.
- b. Environmental Commission. Closter Cleanup Day on 4.24.21 very successful, with 220 participants.

**VIII. Plans from Building Department. Review and comment**

- a. 216 Knickerbocker
- b. 174 Durie
- c. 126 CDR
- d. 277 Schralenburgh
- e. 766 CDR

**VII. Adjournment: 9:54 p.m.**