

Closter Shade Tree Commission
Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 8, 2021

8:00 p.m.

Held remotely via Zoom

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call

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

Absent: Todd Bradbury; George Futterknecht; Anthony Lupardi, Sr.

III. Approval of Minutes.

The October 11, 2021 minutes were approved as amended.

IV. Public Comment - none

V. Old Business

a) 2021 tree planting. 28 trees will be planted.

b) 2021 Pruning RFQ's are out.

c) 1 Ruckman Rd. shade trees severely pruned. Zoning officer measured, trees are out of the right of way. Mr. Paschalis stated that per the drawings, the Zoning Board intended those trees to be shade trees. Discussion.

d) RFQ's are out for 2021-2 removals.

e) Shade Tree table skirt and banner. Will be delivered soon. These branded materials heighten the Commission's education and advocacy in Closter.

f) Fall foliage photo contest - entries were reviewed and voted on. Congratulations to winner Nourit Elam. There will be a display at the Closter Library.

g) 47 Knickerbocker - damage to trees. The project manager has been cooperative.

i) 54 Venus Drive. Received Do Not Prune notice. Positive response from homeowner, expressing desire to ensure no further pruning/damage to shade trees

j. NJUCF Stewardship Grant - Chairman Abate reviewed questions received from the grantor. Per Councilman Devlin, the Borough Administrator will attend to responses.

Mr. Paschalis recommended a steering committee to oversee implementation of the grant.

VI. New Business

a) 8 Ranch Lane - tree removal application for up to 13 trees

b) Mayor's newsletter - Fall foliage photo contest winners and display at the Closter library.

c) Status of reconciling Shade Tree Fund

d) H/O rejection of shade tree planting

e) Tree education - program for Closter schools

VII. Inspection Requests

a. 527 High Street

b. 31 Dana Place

VIII. Liaison Reports

a) Governing body - Councilman Devlin reviewed changes in personnel in Borough Hall.

IX. Plans from Building Department. Review and comment

- a. 31 Dana Place
- b. 15 Demarest Ave
- c. 8 Ranch Lane
- d. 22 Asmus Rd
- e. 57 Cedar Court
- f. 193 Alpine Drive

X. Adjournment: 9:05 p.m.