

Closter Shade Tree Commission
Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 13, 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; George Futterknecht; George Paschalis; Daniel Serata; Tsun Tam

Absent: Scott Devlin, Council Liaison; Miriam Lockhart, Secretary/Environmental Commission Liaison; Anthony Lupardi, Sr.

III. Approval of Minutes.

The 7.12. 2021 minutes were approved as written.

IV. Public Comment - none

V. Old Business

a) Watering newly planted shade trees. Budget was passed, includes \$2,500 for watering. STC can water up to 10 feet from the curb. Mr. Bradbury will provide a list of trees planted. Suggested that funds be encumbered for 2022. Motion made by Ms. Lockhart to request quotes for tree watering in summer 2022. Second by Councilman Devlin.

b) 47 Knickerbocker. Procedures discussed to improve STC/Building Department communication.

c) 63 Bergenline. Bond will be held for 2 years from planting date of 7/7/21.

d) Purchase of STC table skirt/banner. Report from Mr. Paschalis.

e) Closter has received conditional approval for a \$30,000 NJUCF Stewardship Grant for a tree inventory. NJDEP needs a followup meeting. Thanks to Councilman Devlin for the work on this.

f) Request for planting quotes extended to 9/17/21 due to insufficient quotes.

VI. New Business

a) Tree removals 2021-1 completed.

b) Mayor's newsletter - Spotted lanternfly

c) Mr. Paschalis accredited as 2021 NJUCF Core trained representative

d) CEU opportunities: Urban Forestry Program at Rutgers SEBS

e) Do Not Prune letter sent to 443 Homans

f) Do Not Prune letter sent to 7 & 15 Kinkaid

VII. Liaison Reports

- a) Governing body. Changes to noise ordinance 134-7 were passed by Mayor & Council.
- b) Environmental Commission. No meeting; report not given.

VIII. Plans from Building Department. Review and comment

- a. 54 Hickory Lane
- b. 61 Oak Street
- c. 6 Jason Woods Rd.

VII. Adjournment: 9:09 p.m.