CLOSTER SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2013 MEETING

Present: Nils Abate, George Futterknecht, John Kashwick, Anthony Lupardi, Sr., Keith Scholz, and Louise Ungar, Members
Absent: Todd Bradbury and Susan Boudet
Guest: Proposed New Member Anthony Ix

George called the meeting to order with the Open Meetings Statement. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and attendance taken.

The minutes of the December 10th, 2012, meeting were approved as presented.

Meeting Opened to the Public:

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Correspondence:

A $50.00 contribution for the Arbor Day celebration was received from Zendiggi Kebab House in Closter. This gift is very much appreciated.

Old Business:

George stated that the trees are being trimmed in District #6 and the job looks fantastic.

It was reported most of the trees have been planted and Todd is checking on this project.

Reinspection of trees has been done where needed.

George and Tony have agreed to be reappointed for new terms on the commission. Anthony Ix and Patricia Ix will be our new Alternate Members. John installed George and Tony for new terms on the Closter Shade Tree Commission. Anthony Ix was installed as an Alternate Member of the commission. Patricia Ix will be installed as an Alternate Member at our next meeting.

Nils received an e-mail from Fred Cowett of Cornell University seeking information on our Street Tree Inventory. After discussion, it was agreed Nils will supply the information requested to the following address: Post Doctoral Association, Department of Horticulture, Cornell University, 134A Plant Sciences Building, Ithaca, New York, 14853. This request was made in response to a newspaper article regarding the storm “Sandy”.

Paul Cowie's services will cost $4,250.00 and John is seeking a State Grant of $3,000.00 to help toward this. M/S/C we hire Paul Cowie to do our Five Year Community Forestry Management Plan for $4,250.00.

John has information on Tree City USA which he will file before the end of the month.

John and Keith will bring the suggestion about planting street trees at the parks to the Environmental Commission.
There was no other old business.

**New Business:**

There was discussion about our budget for next year. In addition to tree work and plantings we anticipate needing more Gator Bags, Tree Guards, Paint for marking trees and funds for education for members as well as work on the Five Year Community Forestry Management Plan. M/S/C (with one abstention) we ask for a $40,000.00 Budget.

John gave a brief explanation to Anthony Ix about the Shade Tree Commission and the possible Education Credits that may be earned by attending classes.

There being no further business, M/S/C the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Louise G. Ungar, Secretary