CLOSTER SHADE TREE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE JULY 8, 2013 MEETING

Present: Nils Abate, Todd Bradbury, Anthony Ix, Patricia Ix, John Kashwick,
Keith Scholz and Louise Ungar, Members; and
Leslie Weatherly, Coordinator
Absent: George Futterknecht and Anthony Lupardi, Sr.
Guest: Bill Fuchs

Nils opened the meeting with the Public Meetings Statement. The Pledge of Allegiance
was recited and the Roll Call taken.

The minutes of the June 10th meeting were approved as presented.

Meeting Opened to the Public:

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

Old Business:

Nils sent Paul Cowie the Link to our town Ordinances for the Shade Tree Commission.
He has heard nothing further from Paul about any requirements.

Nils went over the Goals in our 2008-2013 Community Forestry Management Plan
beginning on page 36. They appear to be ongoing.

Training and Professional Development on page 37 was also addressed: #1, Ongoing
Training Programs, are okay. #2, NJH Forestry Forestry Training Skills and Accreditation
Program, is covered by the Web Site and Newspapers. #3, Tree and Sidewalk Conflict Training,
was addressed by the “Sidewalk Test” project. #4, Tree Hazard Evaluation Training, was done
by Todd. #5, Asian Longhorned Beetle Awareness Training, an article on identification and
reporting of infestations was placed on the Web Site. #6, Tree Species Identification Training, is
ongoing.

On page 38, Public Education Awareness and Outreach, are all being done. In addition,
Tree Inventory and Assessment, page 39, is done with the planting of trees each year.

On page 40, Tree Maintenance, is done yearly and we are working with Alternative
Sidewalk Repair Techniques for the trees in downtown. Tree maintenance tips are also posted on
the Web Site. #3, Sidewalk Repair Packet, we are working toward improving this for the next
five years and also developing Permit Applications.

On page 41, Plan Preparation and Evaluation. Are there any ideas for new objectives for
the State? It is suggested we establish a schedule for tree evaluations. We should also
establish more immediate response for tree care from the County.

There was no report on the tree plantings at Ruckman Park. Leslie will look into this.
There has been no official word on the Sidewalk Maintenance Grant.

There was discussion about planting of new trees. M/S/C we approve the concept of planting 50 street trees and 21 trees at Ruckman Park and allow Leslie to prepare the specifications pursuant to George's recommendations.

The maintenance and trimming of trees in Voting District #5 will be addressed in the Fall. It was stated that the trees needing attention in Pollack Square Park have been marked.

Bill's CEU's are outdated and cannot be used.

Leslie spoke about the ongoing saga of the property at 25 Westervelt Avenue.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Louise G. Ungar
Secretary