CLOSTER SHADE TREE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 13, 2014 MEETING

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

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

The minutes of the December 9th meeting were approved as presented.

Meeting Opened to the Public:

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Correspondence:

A letter from NJSFT regarding 2014 CEU's was read to the attendees by Nils. A list of
courses for this year will be sent to us soon.

Nils read an e-mail he received from Sally of the ZENDIGGI KEBAB HOUSE regarding
cutting roots on trees by sidewalks. She suggested this way of handling roots. There was
discussion about the article received. The Mayor had thanked her for her input.

Other correspondence was addressed as necessary.

Old Business:

Signed copies of the Five Year Forestry Management Plan have been sent to Trenton.
Copies were distributed to members present: Pat, George, Keith, John, Nils and Louise.

Leslie stated all tree plantings are complete and take downs are also complete. It was
reported that some of the trees that were planted have tilted. We will ask Cleatus to take care of
these.

John reported there is no word on the Sidewalk Maintenance Grant.

The question was should the trees in town be addressed now? After discussion, it was
decided they will be looked into.

The Mayor and Council agreed with us that the trees should be planted on Perry Street. It
is planned to plant three trees.

It is suggested the Cherry Tree currently located at Pollack Square Park be relocated to the
other side of the monument. George states this should be done in the early spring. Perhaps an
outside contractor could be used for this.
John advises the final Budget is not ready yet.

Nils has looked at a Web based program called “Open Tree Mapping Organization”. Pat has made inquiries about some programs and left messages at other towns to inquire what, if any, programs they use. She distributed information sheets on i-Tree Tools she has obtained. She will do further research.

Possible follow-up maintenance of street trees planted as well as pictures of street trees planted is dependent upon the increase we requested in our budget.

**New Business:**

Nils will continue as Chairman of the Shade Tree Commission and Louise will continue to serve as secretary.

John informs us the Tree City USA Application and Annual Report to the State should be discussed in February.

The Green Team is looking to become “Bronze”. A meeting will be set up and John seeks a representative from the Shade Tree Commission to serve as well as himself. George states either he or Todd could serve.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Louise G. Ungar
Secretary