CLOSTER SHADE TREE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 10, 2014 MEETING

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

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

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

Meeting Opened to the Public:

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Correspondence:

The resident at 380 Homans Avenue has a sidewalk issue. A Bulletin about trees and sign location was received. The trees at 85 and 95 High Street are dead and the residents are responsible for them. The New Jersey Recovery Plan has free seedlings available. Information was received from the Arbor Day Foundation regarding Tree Protection Ordinances.

Old Business:

Pat attended a course about pruning trees and she is interested in attending more informative programs.

Cleatus will take care of the street tree tilts after the snow has disappeared.

There was a discussion regarding possibly topping the trees in town.

The trees on Perry Street were discussed. The question was asked could an alternate way of planting these trees be used? It was noted we must stay within the right-of-way.

The tree problem at 38 Demarest Avenue has been addressed.

It is felt the Shade Tree Commission should have more control over what is planted at new construction.

The Pollack Square Cherry Tree will be moved.

We asked for a Budget of $42,500.00 for this year. We anticipate receiving $37,500.00 from the Operating Account. There is about $10,000.00 in the Mitigation Account that could be used for plantings.

A few members have tried the Open Tree Mapping Program. The question was asked is this program too much for us?
John states the Tree City USA report has been filed. The Green Team meeting will be March 25th or March 31st.

New Business:

No new tree problems have been reported.

Arbor Day will be celebrated on April 25th. We will check with Hillside School about planting a tree there in honor of the day. Another tree will be planted at the Library.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Louise G. Ungar  
Secretary