Closter Shade Tree Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2016

I. Call to order
   Reading of the Public Meetings Statement
   Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll call
    Present: Nils Abate, George Futterknecht, Anthony Lupardi Sr., David Barad, Todd Bradbury
    Absent: John Kashwick

III. Approval of minutes:
    The minutes were accepted as read

IV. Meeting open to the Public
    No Members of the public were present

V. Correspondence
    None

VI. Old Business

   a) District Pruning/Takedowns & Stump Removals:
      Contract awarded to DeCarlo Tree Masters to prune District 2 for $6820. We had 2 responses for quotes. The other 2 vendors stated they were too busy. George will stay in contact with the vendor and work will be completed by Dec. 15th
      Arrow was awarded the contract for tree removals and stump removal. The work should be completed by Nov. 15th.

   b) Fall Planting
      Cleatus Farms was awarded the contract for our fall planting at a cost of $15,900. Todd has marked out the tree planting sites and notices were left for the homeowners.

   c) Main Street Trees:
      Dr. Barad spoke to the council about funding the removal of the concrete foundations around the street trees along Main Street. They would like to know what the costs would be for the project. George
will investigate the cost. Currently there are 14 trees in need of this work.

d) New Commission Members:
Discussed the need for 1 regular member and 2 alternate members to the commission.
It was noted that we need a secretary for the Shade Tree Commission.

e) Budget Request
The commission decided to request the same level of funding as the 2016 budget.

f) Continuing Education Units
Nils will take an online course for the STC to meet the required CEU’s for the year.

VII. New business

a) Changing time of Tree Pruning:
The commission discussed the possibility of moving the tree pruning into the winter months. The purpose would be to lower the cost by having the work done during the slow time for Tree Pruning contractors. The problem with the winter pruning is that the new budget is not finalized at that time. It was decided to speak to the Borough Administrator about possible solutions.

b) Tree Plantings Issues
Wainwright Tree and Sidewalk
After much deliberation, it was decided to allow the homeowner to remove the tree in question and replace the sidewalk.

Homans Ave at corner of Trautwein Crescent
It was decided to leave the tree where it was planted.

VIII. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 8:48 P.M.

Minutes submitted by: Nils Abate