Closter Shade Tree Commission  
Meeting Minutes for 2019-04-08

I. Call to Order
A. Pledge of Allegiance
B. Roll Call

Present: Nils Abate, Todd Bradbury, Scott Devin, George Futterknecht, Miriam Lockhart, Anthony Lupardi Sr., Nancy Pergament, Tsun Tam

II. Approval of Minutes
A. Minutes approved with the amendment that Scott was present at 8:06

III. Meeting Opening to the Public

IV. Correspondence
A. Letter to DPW regarding downed trees. Letter should have been addressed to the Environmental Commission. Not the jurisdiction of the STC. Nils will forward letter to the appropriate party.

V. Old Business
• Ordinance 59-4B. Members of the Shade Tree Commission will attend the Mayor & Council meeting on Wednesday, April 10 to ask about enforcement of existing ordinance. Scott reported that Ed Rogan said the language of the ordinance is O.K.
• Town Arbor Day tree planting ceremony, April 26. 09:30 at Tenakill and 10:30 at Hillside.
• Emerald Ash Borer in Closter, letter to homeowners. Should the letter go to the Environmental Committee? Debate regarding no mitigation is required if you take down an ash tree, or simply leave that part of the letter out. Leslie is asking for an answer regarding the letter. There must be an ordinance from the Council. Decision: hold the letter until an ash tree ordinance is passed by the Council.

VI New Business
• Financial Disclosure Statement.
• State Vegetation Management Bill - we would like to get on this and include Closter.
• Leslie received confirmation that we have received Tree City USA status for the 19th year.
• STC budget increase from $39k to $86k is NOT likely but $60k is a possible.
• Todd: if he gets (donated) some trees to plant on the “island” as a demonstration (Piermont and Chestnut) - the open area (near the old “Topside Restaurant.”)

• Discussion regarding a tree nursery at the McBain farm. Under jurisdiction of Environmental Commission, in consultation with Shade Tree Commission.
VII  Meeting Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 8:57

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