I. **Call to order**  
Pledge of Allegiance

II. **Roll Call**  
Present: Nils Abate, Todd Bradbury, Scott Devlin, George Futterknecht, Miriam Lockhart, Nancy Pergament, Tsun Tam  
Absent: Anthony Lupardi, Sr.,

III. **Presentation by Paul Cowie re: Tree Inventory**  
   a. Take GIS data and divide that into “areas” or “regions” for analysis  
   b. Sample Analysis: In place, % of blank areas  
   c. Sample Analysis: diameter distribution, types of trees (most of Bergen Co. has maples)  
   d. Complete inventory requires each tree to be inventoried (Greenwood Cemetery was a complete inventory - 400 acres with 8,000 trees)  
   e. Recommendation to decrease cost: periodic sampling rather than a full inventory  
   f. Cost: dependent on detail. Englewood (Sample - $7,000), Ridgefield Park (Full Inventory-4,500 spots $22,000). For Closter, approx $5,000-7,000.  
   g. Approx time frame for Closter: Sample Inventory: a few weeks. Full Inventory, several months.

IV. **Approval of Minutes**  
Minutes of 12.10.2018 approved with 4 noted corrections.

V. **Public Comment**  
Jimmy Marris, 15 Jane Street. Tree is lifting sidewalk, what are his options, who is responsible? This is decided on a case by case basis, taking into consideration the age and condition of the tree. The priority is the sidewalk, for safety.

VI. **Correspondence**  
   • Rutgers - courses available  
   • Grants - Arbor Day Foundation  
   • 137 Bergenline- owner had permit to remove a healthy shade tree.

VII. **Old Business**  
a. Ordinance 59-4B is not being enforced.

Planting trees. Any person, company or organization henceforth constructing or performing major alterations to any residences, commercial and/or office building,
dwellings, apartment, or multiple-family dwelling within the Borough shall, at its expense, plant shade trees along the right-of-way upon which the building fronts and abuts in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. The Shade Tree Commission shall designate where such trees are to be planted and the variety of trees to be used. The person, company or corporation shall post a bond of $1,500 per tree, such money to be deposited with the Borough Administrator and designated for Shade Tree Commission use, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, and held for up to two years and 11 months (i.e., the money, if returned, shall be returned at the end of the third calendar year from the date the bond was posted). Should any of the trees not be in satisfactory condition, in the sole discretion of the Shade Tree Commission, at that time, after notice to the owner, the moneys shall be used by the Shade Tree Commission to replace those trees deemed to be unsatisfactory. At the end of two years, any funds not used to replace unsatisfactory trees shall be refunded to those who posted the bond(s). If construction is taking place on property with street trees, see § 181-7 of the Borough Code.

[Amended 6-22-2011 by Ord. No. 2011:1094]

- S. Devlin spoke with borough attorney.
- There is a gap in enforcement.
- How do we close the gap in enforcement?
- Discussion regarding enforcing Ordinance 59-4B through the Building Department, requiring that shade trees be planted, as directed in Ordinance 59-4B, and in consultation with the Shade Tree Commission, in order for a CO to be issued. Becomes part of compliance.
- S. Devlin will follow up.

b. Tree pruning (DiCarlo) is progressing smoothly
c. New safety officer Vincent Sarubi - excellent liaison.
d. Tree at Herbert and Closter Dock Rd. Recommendation: cut stump and pave with bricks. $800-$1,000 for tree, bricks, and grates.
e. Tree at Dunkin' Donuts is dead, must be removed.
g. Ash trees
   - T. Bradbury at tree conference. All ash trees are doomed.
   - Trees become dangerous very quickly. Pieces break and fall.
   - Park - Harrington Ave - between the park and 9/11 memorial - 10 ash trees
   - T. Bradbury recommends we move quickly. He will put together addresses
   - There are grants to replant and for treatment, but not for removal.
   - Good idea to help the public recognize ash tree look-alikes - black walnut, hickory, and boxelder maple. www.emeraldashborer.nj.gov
VIII. New Business


c. Suggestions: Newsletter, Arbor Day

d. Submit photos of Arbor Day

e. Tree City application to be filed.

f. Tree inventory. Three options:
   • Information online. Closter residents may access and add/modify the database ($7,000/year)
   • Online for annual fee. If opt out after the first year, the database would be static.
   • Options presented tonight by P. Cowie.

VIII. Adjournment: 10:14 p.m.