Closter Shade Tree Commission
Meeting Minutes for May 13, 2019

I. Call to Order
A. Pledge of Allegiance
B. Roll Call
   Present (italicized - not in attendance):
   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 amendments at 20:08

III. Meeting Opening to the Public
   Observers Ohad and Ido Harler, 10 Black Ledge Court

IV. Correspondence
   Received two letters regarding Arbor Day.

V. Old Business
   Arbor Day came and went. There were some slight problems with the planting but were
   resolved. Mayor was present at Tenakill but he was unavailable at Hillside due to a
   meeting commitment and conflict. Removal of an ash tree, there will be no need to get a
   permit. This ordinance should be passed by July. Ordinance 59-4B: A variance will be
   reviewed by Todd. 63 Bergenline Avenue: In addition to the four tree previously
   requested for removal, the property owner erroneously removed four “street” trees. Owner
   should replant these trees, but with the separation requirement of “35 feet between trees,”
   recommendation: two trees on Bergenline and two on Poplar. Suggestions include red
   maples (acer rubrum).

   Ordinance 59-4B. Anticipated that updated ordinance will be introduced July 2019.
   Currently, Todd gets plans for zoning only. What is the trigger for Ordinance 59-4B?
   Scott will schedule a meeting with members of STC and town officials.

VI. New Business
   Should we add the “known” ash trees in town (along with infected trees) to the removal
   list? Ash trees in parks should be addressed by the Environmental Commission/Rec
   Commission. Removal cost should not come out of the STC budget. Motion: the STC
   will take care of the trees for which it’s responsible (street trees) and the “other” trees will
   be addressed by the other commissions - this will be put out for quote the “take down list.”

   We should notify Leslie that she should contact the other town commissions on trees not
   on the takedown list. Who will be dealing with Leslie? Nils will put this in writing.

   Maintenance in District 5 plus Main Street  Planting for District 2 - discussion tabled
   until July STC meeting. Recommendation to secure quote using the specs from last year.

   Budget this year is $60K. Scott is applying for a $15K ($10K and the town would match
   with $5 = $15K) grant to inventory our trees.
Todd: Fall 2018 plantings: controlled the purchase, which resulted in better trees. Loss six out of eight tulips.
11 trees (out of 53) are dead, replacement would cost $2,500.

VII. Meeting Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 21:44