

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 2010 MEETING

Present: Nils Abate, Todd Bradbury, George Futterknecht, John Kashwick,
Anthony Lupardi, Sr. and Louise Ungar, Scott Greer and
Leslie Weatherly
Absent: Susan Boudet and Richard Ryan

In the absence of the chairperson, George called the meeting to order with the Open Meetings Statement. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the December 14th meeting were approved as written. The Roll Call was taken.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Correspondence:

A letter was received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, outlining two changes in the New Jersey Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act that affect future submissions. Loretta Castano, the Borough Clerk, sent us a copy of the Oath of Office and a Citizen Leadership Form to be completed by all new members of the commission.

It was announced that Scott Greer was appointed by the Mayor and Council as an Alternate #2 member of the Commission. John is attempting to get in touch with Richard to ascertain his intentions of remaining on the Commission. If he does not, it is possible Scott's appointment might have to be redone.

Old Business:

Leslie informs us there have been no further takedowns. Arrow Tree Service has been working in town.

Todd has been working on securing a copy of ANSI specifications.

Specifications should be developed for the spring plantings that will be done in District #5 and where trees have been taken down in the Borough. The Pruning and Maintenance Program will be done in Districts #2 and #3.

The 300 years of Closter history committee will meet again on February 4th, 2010. After discussion, it was suggested a special tree, a Copper Beech, could be planted in the park at the corner of Closter Dock and Piermont Roads to commemorate the occasion. The date of April 17th is proposed for the planting; the committee will be notified.

Tony is taking care of getting the Arbor Day pictures to Leslie.

There has been no publicity.

Do we have any ideas for Alternate Members? All commission members are asked to work on this.

Regarding the Five Year Management Plan, George stated we should be checking regularly to keep abreast of the program.

Are the ordinance requirements on shade trees at new construction being followed?

George took an on-line course in December to satisfy the CEU credits we needed.

John has not heard about the Grant as yet.

It is suggested the proposed work at Trautwein Crescent be submitted as a line item in the budget.

John reports the Tree City USA application has been filed. We will try to locate our flags for use this year. The Annual Accommodation Report is due February 15th and John will take care of it.

New Business:

The question was asked should the requests for the tree plantings be “global” as was done this year? John states the trees planted under the grant have to be from a nursery within 300 miles of Closter.

It is suggested that next year's plantings be advertised. M/S/C we advertise for bids for the planting of 60 trees total for the spring and the fall. The species should be 10 each of Kwanzan Cherry, Hawthorne, Shadblow, White Oak, Sugar Maple and Scarlett Oak.

The Pruning and Maintenance Program in Districts #2 and #3 will be done in the fall.

George questioned John about the grant we received two years ago. One of the criteria was that an annual report was to be filed. George believes such a report is due at the end of March and he will look into it.

The selection of a chairperson will be discussed at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise G. Ungar
Secretary