Shade Tree Commission Minutes April 19, 2017

Chairman Gregory Luciano called the Shade Tree Commission meeting of April 19, 2017 to order at 7:31 p.m. in the council chambers on the second floor of the municipal building of the Borough of Totowa.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Commissioner: Luciano, N. Makoujy, Booth, Fusco

Commission Secretary: Linda Paese Board Liaison: Anthony Picarelli

ABSENT:

Commissioner: Murphy, D. Makoujy

MINUTES:

Commissioner N. Makoujy made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 15, 2017 meeting seconded by Commissioner Luciano.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Arbor Day tree has been ordered and will be planted by April 28, 2017 in time for the April 29, 2017 celebration.

Commissioner Luciano stated that Mr. Malcolm McBurney, NJ Certified Tree Expert & Arborist has submitted a formal bid to Mr. Wassel per his request.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Luciano informed the commission that the formal bid for the Risk Management is on the agenda for approval from the mayor and council.

Commissioner Luciano spoke to Mr. Niland of the Department of Public Works and he confirmed that a White Pine is scheduled to be planted in the same tree line as past years for the Arbor Day Celebration being held on April 29, 2017. All are welcome to attend.

Commissioner Luciano stated that per the management plan, the Shade Tree Commission will need to apply for a grant for tree inventory as well as a grant for an Arbor Day celebration. He is looking into the steps needed to obtain the grants and will address the commission at our next meeting in regard to his findings.

Passaic County Green Infrastructure Plan focus group has invited the Shade Tree Commission to attend a meeting to discuss alleviating any flooding challenges and other matters on April 24, 2017; Commissioner Luciano will attend the meeting.

ADJOURN:

Commissioner Fusco made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Booth. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held on May 17, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Linda Paese Commission Secretary