

Shade Tree Commission Minutes

March 22, 2021

Re-Organization:

Commissioner Booth made a motion to continue to hold the Shade Tree Commission meetings every third Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted; the motion was seconded by Commissioner N. Makoujy.

Commissioner Booth made a motion to continue to have Commissioner Luciano remain the Shade Tree Commission Chairperson; the motion was seconded by Commissioner D. Makoujy.

Commissioner Paese made a motion to continue to have Commissioner Booth remain the Shade Tree Commission Vice-Chairperson; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Luciano.

Commissioner Luciano made a motion to continue to have Commissioner Paese remain the Shade Tree Commission Secretary; the motion was seconded by Commissioner D. Makoujy.

Chairman Gregory Luciano called the Shade Tree Commission meeting of March 22, 2021 to order at 7:29 pm in the Council Chambers on the second floor of the municipal building of the Borough of Totowa.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

Commissioner: Booth, N. Makoujy, D. Makoujy, Luciano
Commission Secretary: Linda Paese
Board Liaison: Anthony Picarelli

ABSENT:

Commissioner: Fusco

MINUTES:

Commissioner Booth made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 15, 2020 meeting, seconded by Commissioner N. Makoujy.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Luciano advised the commission that the State Annual Report of February 15, 2020 was filed.

Commissioner N. Makoujy has taken on the roll of assessing and identifying the species of trees suitable for each requested planting location.

Commissioner Luciano stated that trees that were in need of replacement that died or were damaged on Union Blvd. had been halted due to COVID 19

Commissioner Luciano and Jim Niland of the Department of Public Works have continued to compile a list of high risk trees.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Luciano informed the commission that the State Forestry has reported that the Totowa Shade Tree Commission is fully accredited with the Statre being the Annual report had been compiled, filed and approved.

The commission is working on Arbor Day ideas. Due to the Pandemic and CDC guidelines, the celebration may be postponed to a later date than April. The commission is looking to work in conjunction with the Totowa Library's town wide garage sale.

Commissioner Luciano stated that there are 3 pending tree applications that he and Jim Niland will work together on having them planted.

ADJOURN:

Commissioner Booth made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner D. Makoujy. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held on April 21, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:48-8(b), and guidance from the NJ Department of Community Affairs Division of Local Government Services via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Paese
Commission Secretary