

## **Shade Tree Commission Minutes September 20, 2023**

### **Re-Organization:**

Commissioner N. Makoujy made a motion to continue to hold the Shade Tree Commission meetings every third Monday at 6:30pm of each month unless otherwise noted; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Booth.

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 D. Makoujy.

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

Chairman Gregory Luciano called the Shade Tree Commission meeting of September 20, 2023 to order at 7:45 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, Luciano, D. Makoujy  
Commission Secretary: Linda Paese  
Board Liaison: Anthony Picarelli

#### **ABSENT:**

Commissioner: Fusco, Murphy

### **MINUTES:**

Commissioner N. Makoujy made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 16, 2022 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Booth.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Luciano, Mr. Joseph Wassel and Mr. Ted Szczawinski of Stirling Consultants met on October 12, 2022 where Mr. Szczawinski explained the process of the Tree Inventory which will be done at the end of November.

Commissioner Luciano scheduled the Shade Tree Commission CEU class for November 16, 2022. The course given will be Municipal Shade Tree Management.

Commissioner Luciano is planning an Arbor Day Celebration for April 2023. Commissioner Booth made a motion to hold the celebration at the Board of Recreation where we can plant a tree at that location.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Luciano stated the tree inventory was completed in August 2023. The paperwork will be filed to the State Forestry Division. This will meet our grant requirements.

Commissioner Luciano informed the commission that the Shade Tree Commission is in the process of receiving a grant by October 2023 for 5 Red Bud trees. Planting locations will be determined.

A resident at 7 Craig Court contacted Commissioner Luciano because they thought their tree was diseased. Commissioner Luciano visited the site and found no disease present but will re assess the tree in a couple of months.

A resident on the corner of Frances & Garretson submitted an application to remove 6 trees from their property. Commissioner Luciano visited the site and informed the resident that the commission will approve 2 trees for removal.

The following residents have submitted applications for new trees. Khezan, 38 Minnisink Road, Luciano, 35 Boyle Ave., Urban, 135 Grant Ave., Mesce, 5 Hillside Drive. The resident at 81 Sandra Drive is requesting a tree replacement. These plantings will take place in Fall 2023.

Commissioner Luciano informed the commission that the Shade Tree Commission will be planting shrubbery, Ivy and a tree t both ne parking lots on the corner of Dewey Ave. & Totowa Road and Elizabeth Place & Totowa Road. This will be completed Fall 2023

**ADJOURN:**

Commissioner N. Makoujy made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Booth. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held on October 18, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Paese  
Commission Secretary