

Shade Tree Commission Minutes November 16, 2022

Chairman Gregory Luciano called the Shade Tree Commission meeting of November 16, 2022 to order at 7:35 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

ABSENT:

Commissioner: Fusco, Murphy
Board Liaison: Anthony Picarelli

MINUTES:

Commissioner Booth made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 21, 2022 meeting, seconded by Commissioner N. Makoujy.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Luciano informed the commission that Mr. Ted Szczawinski of Sterling Consultants was the selected contractor to complete the tree inventory report. He will be starting the end of November 2022

The Status Report for the Shade Tree Commission grant was submitted to the State of New Jersey on September 21, 2022

Commissioner Luciano stated that the Shade Tree Commission received the grant from "Dig In" for 10 Rosebud Trees which were planted as follows: Veterans Park-3 trees; PAL-4 trees; Jefferson & Union Blvd.- 3 trees

Commissioner Luciano wanted it noted that there are several articles stating that there is a new tree disease affecting Beech Trees in Northern New Jersey. He discovered the article in The Record.

NEW 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.

ADJOURN:

Commissioner Booth made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner N. Makoujy. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held on December 21, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Paese
Commission Secretary