

Shade Tree Commission Minutes

January 17, 2024

Re-Organization:

Commissioner N. Makoujy made a motion to hold the Shade Tree Commission meetings every third Monday at 7:00pm of each month unless otherwise noted; the motion was seconded by Commissioner D. Makoujy.

Commissioner Paese made a motion to have Commissioner Booth as the Shade Tree Commission Chairperson; the motion was seconded by Commissioner D. Makoujy.

Commissioner Booth made a motion to have Commissioner N. Makoujy as the Shade Tree Commission Vice-Chairperson; the motion was seconded by Commissioner D. Makoujy.

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

Chairman Jim Booth called the Shade Tree Commission meeting of January 17, 2024, to order at 7:38 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, Murphy, D. Makoujy
Commission Secretary: Linda Paese
Board Liaison: Anthony Picarelli

ABSENT:

Commissioner: Fusco, Luciano

MINUTES:

Commissioner D. Makoujy made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 20, 2023, meeting, seconded by Commissioner N. Makoujy.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Luciano stated the tree inventory was completed in August 2023. The paperwork was filed with the State Forestry Division. This has met 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.

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.

A resident on the corner of Frances & Garretson applied 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.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Booth informed the commission that the tree inventory has been completed and the reimbursement has been received.

The shade tree commissioners have completed their online CEU class to stay in compliance for the annual credits needed.

Commissioner Luciano is in the process of completing the annual report which needs to be submitted to the state by February 15th.

Commissioner Booth suggested that we look into the new ordinances regarding the cost of removal of trees and the fund that the cost will go into.

ADJOURN:

Commissioner N. Makoujy made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner D. Makoujy. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, February 19, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Paese
Commission Secretary