

Shade Tree Commission Minutes

July 21, 2025

Chairman Jim Booth called the Shade Tree Commission meeting of July 21, 2025, to order at 7:00 pm in the Borough of Totowa Public Library meeting room.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

Commissioner: Booth, Murphy, Luciano
Commission Secretary: Linda Paese
Board Liaison: Anthony Picarelli

ABSENT:

Commissioner: Fusco, N. Makoujy, D. Makoujy

MINUTES:

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 19, 2025, meeting, seconded by Commissioner Luciano.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Booth informed the commissioners that there were no spring tree plantings in 2025.

Arbor Day Celebration was held April 26, 2025, at the municipal building. Those in attendance were Shade Tree Commission members, Senator Corrado, Council Members, Director of the Totowa Public Library, Board of Rec Director and residents.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Booth announced that the Shade Tree Commission is now accepting tree applications for the fall 2025 plantings.

Commissioner Booth informed the commission that he received a notice from the DEP that the Shade Tree Commission Management Plan needs to be renewed by December 2025. Commissioner Booth contacted Mr. Ted Szyawinski of Sterling Consultants to help guide in the completion of the plan.

Commissioner Luciano made a motion to the Shade Tree Commission to look into obtaining a quote from Mr. Ted Szyawinski of Sterling Consultants to handle all correspondences and reports between the Shade Tree Commission and the State Forestry Division.

ADJOURN:

Commissioner Luciano made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Murphy. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next meeting scheduled will be held on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Paese
Commission Secretary