

Shade Tree Commission Minutes

October 20, 2025

Chairman Jim Booth called the Shade Tree Commission meeting of October 20, 2025, to order at 7:02 pm in the Borough of Totowa Public Library meeting room.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

Commissioner: Booth, Murphy, Luciano Fusco, N. Makoujy,
D.Makoujy

Commission Secretary: Linda Paese

ABSENT:

Board Liaison: Anthony Picarelli

MINUTES:

Commissioner D. Makoujy made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 21, 2025, meeting, seconded by Commissioner N. Makoujy.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Booth announced that the Shade Tree Commission received 1 tree application for fall 2025; it has been planted at the residence house, 35 Boyle Avenue.

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. The plan has been completed by Mr. Ted Szyawinski.

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 correspondence and reports between the Shade Tree Commission and the State Forestry Division. The commission is compiling a list of reports and will submit them to Mr. Joe Wassel for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Booth informed the commission that the shade tree commission applied for the NJUCF Green Communities Grant, and the grant has been awarded to them from the State Forestry Department.

ADJOURN:

Commissioner D. Makoujy made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner N. Makoujy. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m. The next meeting scheduled will be held on Monday, November 17, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Paese
Commission Secretary