

Shade Tree Commission Minutes February 16, 2026

Re-Organization:

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

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 Luciano.

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

Chairman Jim Booth called the Shade Tree Commission meeting of February 16, 2026, to order at 7:05 pm in the Borough of Totowa Public Library meeting room.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

Commissioner: Booth, N. Makoujy, D. Makoujy, Luciano
Commission Secretary: Linda Paese
Board Liaison: Anthony Picarelli

ABSENT:

Commissioner: Murphy, Fusco

MINUTES:

Commissioner N. Makoujy made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 20, 2025, meeting, seconded by Commissioner Luciano.

OLD 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Booth informed the commission that the Annual Accomplishment Report was filed on February 15, 2026, by Mr. Ted Szyawinski and we are waiting for a response back from the State.

Commissioner Booth and Luciano attended a class in December 2025 to fulfill the shade tree commission CEU credits for the year 2025.

The commission is planning an Arbor Day Celebration to be held on April 25, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the municipal building complex. This celebration is in conjunction with the Totowa Public Library Trash to Treasure event.

ADJOURN:

Commissioner N. Makoujy made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner D. Makoujy. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, March 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Paese
Commission Secretary