

**HUNTERDON COUNTY SHADE TREE COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES - September 9, 2015**

The Hunterdon County Shade Tree Commission (HCSC) met at its regular meeting on the above date in the Planning Board Conference Room at the Hunterdon County Complex, Route 12 Flemington, NJ. The meeting notice was in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act on January, 2015.

Members present: John Anderson, A.R. Willey, and Shaun C. Van Doren.  
present Tom Mathews, P.E., Director, Public Works.  
Not present: Rosa Yoo, and William K. Wild.

There was no one present in the audience.

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Correspondence

May-June 2015 issue of The Shade Tree.

July-August 2015 issue of The Shade Tree.

September-October issue of The Shade Tree

NJ Forestry Association Membership Renewal. The Commission has not been a member of this and all were in agreement to not join.

Tamke Tree Tips Number 44 Summer 2015 on "The Power of Plants."

Arbor Day May/June 2015 issue.

Tree City USA Bulletin no. 7 "How to Save Tree During Construction."

Email from NJ Shade Tree Federation dated June 26, 2015 indicating Carrie Sargeant is now the Urban Forestry Coordinator for NJ and has taken over administration of the NJ Shade Tree & Community Forestry Assistance Act. John Anderson will follow-up with her on the status of the changes they want to the County's Plan.

Emerald Ash Borer Tree Tips from Bartlett Tree Experts.

Minutes

March 31, 2015

A.R. Willey made a motion to approve the minutes of March 31, seconded by John Anderson. AYES: 3, NAYS: 0.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Old Business

2014-2018 Community Forestry Plan

No update available.

New Business

Shade Tree Conference Attendance

John Anderson expressed interest in being able to attend. Bill Wild also expressed interest to John in wanting to attend. Shaun Van Doren determined that the total cost for 2 people for the full conference plus 3 hotel night stays for each as well as mileage and parking would come to \$ 1,284. The Commission did budget for attendance and 2 people are needed to attain the minimum 10 CEUS in order to maintain status with the State. Andrew Willey made a motion to request the Freeholders approved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shaun Van Doren. AYES: 3, NAYS:0

John Anderson indicated that he spoke with Steve Foster from the Readington Township Environmental Commission regarding the threat of Emerald Ash Borer and its toll on ash yellow trees. Mr. Foster was asking for the STC to perform a survey. They discussed the what can be done however a survey was not in the Commission's realm since it was responsible only for trees along County roads or at County facilities.

John Anderson reported on the condition of the trees at the South County Park Nursery. He indicated the County needed to provide some mowing services to mow the grass around the trees as many were at least 3" tall. The only ones not doing well were the spruce trees; many of those died. The sugar maple and dogwoods need to be staked or re-staked as appropriate and the surviving spruce trees need to be salvaged.

He also reported meeting with Rosa Yoo on the Emerald Ash Borer traps; there were no beetles in the traps that had been set.

It was recommended to move the November 11 meeting to Nov. 12 due to the Veteran's Day holiday as County offices would be closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm on a motion by Shaun Van Doren, seconded by John Anderson. AYES: 5, NAYS: 0.

Shaun C. Van Doren,  
Secretary/Member