

Hunterdon County Shade Tree Commission Meeting
Minutes - January 13, 2016

Hunterdon County Shade Tree Commission (HCSTC) met for reorganization on the above dated in the Planning Board Conference Room at the Hunterdon County Complex, Route 12 Flemington New Jersey. The meeting notice as in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act on January 8, 2016.

Members Present: John Anderson, A.R. Willey, William Wild

Present: Tom Mathews, P.E., Director of Public Works

Audience: Robert Becker, Open Space Committee Member for Readington Township

Not Present: Rosa Yoo and Shaun Van Doren

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Correspondence

Muesser Nursery Catalog

2015 Shade Tree Conference Brochure

Public Participation:

Robert Becker explained how he was working on a forest management plan for Readington Township. He is interested in the County's data and tree maintenance software. He inquired if he could use it and keep Readington's on the same platform. Tom Mathews explained that it would be a great idea but would have to get Freeholder permission and speak with the GIS Department. He also explained how the data is a few years old and is not currently being maintained. Mr. Becker was disappointed the data wasn't being maintained but is still interested in looking at what the county has.

Minutes:

September 9, 2015 – the minutes as of September 9, 2015 were approved

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

Reorganization:

A.R. Willey made a motion to nominate John Anderson, Chairman, Bill Wild seconded

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

A.R. Willey made a motion to nominate Bill Wild vice chairman, John Anderson seconded

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

A.R. Willey made a motion to nominate Shaun VanDoren secretary, Bill Wild seconded

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

New Business:

- The 2016 Budget has been submitted, it remained flat from 2015
- 2016 Arbor Day- April 29th 2016
 - Species and location tabled to March meeting. Rosa to help with picking trees.
 - Trees to schools- letters have been sent and we are getting great responses.
- 2015 Annual Community Forestry Plan Report due February 15th. John Anderson is going to reach out to Shaun VanDoren regarding the status.
- Bill Wild stated that white pines had died at the North County Library and should be removed.

Old Business:

- Forestry Management Plan (2014-2018) Again John Anderson will reach out to Shaun VanDoren regarding this issue.
- South County Park Nursery- John Anderson thanked Public Works for their maintenance. Reported approximately a 60% survival rate.
- Bill Wild and John Anderson went to the 2015 Shade Tree Conference.
- Still no confirmed Emerald Ash Borer in Hunterdon County. Has been confirmed in Mercer and Somerset County.

Next meeting set for March 9, 2016 at 7PM at the Hunterdon County Planning Board Conference Room. All Arbor Day details need to be decided.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 on a motion by John Anderson, seconded by A.R. Willey