

**HUNTERDON COUNTY SHADE TREE COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES - March 9, 2016**

The Hunterdon County Shade Tree Commission (HCSTC) 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 19, 2016.

Members present: John Anderson, A.R. Willey, Rosa Yoo, William K. Wild and Shaun C. Van Doren.

Also present Tom Mathews, P.E., Director, Public Works.

There were two people present in the audience – Robert Becker and Lois Stewart.

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

Correspondence

November-December issue of The Shade Tree

Article from November 2015 Gardener News on the NJ Emerald Ash Borer Update.

Bartlett TreeExperts TreeTips of Emerald Ash Borer

Email from Richard Leopold at the NJDEP dated February 16, 2016 regarding recommended amendments to the County's 2<sup>nd</sup> 5 year community forestry management plan.

Letter dated February 25, 2016 from the Flemington Borough Shade Tree Commission requesting a donation of a shade tree for their Arbor Day celebration.

Minutes

January 13, 2016

Mr. Wild made a motion to approve the minutes of January 13 with the correction of the spelling of the word "forrest", seconded by Mr. Willey. AYES: 3, NAYS: 0. ABSTAIN: Van Doren.

Public Participation

Lois Stewart, resident of Flemington Boro, requested tree seedlings for the Flemington Baptist Church for the Sunday before Arbor Day that they can distribute and she'd like an instruction sheet included on proper planting. Members discussed the plans on ordering seedlings. Mr. Mathews indicated he would speak to Melissa Allen regarding this. The nursery has to be contacted for the trees for schools as well.

Robert Becker, Readington Township, indicated that Readington has formed a Forestry Study Committee and that he was attending tonight's meeting to try and coordinate efforts. He discussed the Commission' status.

Old Business

### 2016 Arbor Day

A list of trees has been obtained from Hidden Acres Nursery. The request is for 1-1.5" caliper trees that are 4-5 feet tall. The species are:

Flowering Dogwood

Maple

Red Bud

River Birch (Heritage/Regal)

Oak

Pear (swap out with another tree – Legacy cultivar)

Bump up the quantity to 6 each instead of 5.

The Beech tree request for Flemington Boro was discussed. Mr. Mathews will review response with Melissa.

Sites for Arbor Day were discussed with the North County Library Branch in Clinton being the site all were in agreement on for Friday, April 29 at 12 pm. Mr. Wild indicated that the existing trees there required pruning which Mr. Mathews indicated was being done. There was discussion on planting a deciduous tree – a sugar maple of 2-2.5 inch caliper. Mr. Mathews will contact the Friends of the Library inviting them to the ceremony.

Tewksbury request for a speaker – Mr. Mathews will have Melissa Allen email to Norman Diegnan indicating that the County does not have a speaker available due to the conflicts with ceremonies but someone could be available on a different day.

### 2015 Annual Community Forestry Management Report

The annual report had been updated by Melissa Allen, reviewed by Mr. Van Doren and submitted for final approval by the Freeholders.

### 2014-2018 Community Forestry Plan

The plan needs to be updated with the recommended amendments from Richard Leopold and would be for the period 2016-2020.

### Tree Inventory

Mr. Mathews reported that an intern was working on updating the system data; the existing tree inventory data is from the 2011-12 time period. A further review would be placed on an upcoming agenda.

### New Business

#### Request for Earth Day Trees

The members discussed this and there are no trees available to the Flemington Raritan School District for Earth Day. Mr. Mathews will respond.

Mr. Becker commented that there were Emerald Ash Borer traps placed in Readington by the NJ Department of Agriculture with no results but they were willing to come out and place new traps.

Mr. Wild asked that a walk-through of the South County Park Nursery be scheduled so that tree condition could be assessed.

Ms. Yoo reported on the passing of David Johnson, former State Forester.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm on a motion by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Willey. AYES: 5, NAYS: 0.

Shaun C. Van Doren,  
Secretary/Member