

MINUTES
HUNTERDON COUNTY SHADE TREET COMMISSION
Meeting July 12, 2017

Hunterdon County Shade Tree Commission (HCSTC) met 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.

Members Present: A.R. Willey, Tom Mathews, John Anderson and Hans Hanbicki

Audience: Bill Wild

Vice Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:12 P.M.

Membership

- Was discussed that there is an alternate vacancy on the commission. John Anderson will reach out to a gentleman he thought was interested in joining that has extensive tree knowledge. If he is not interested, Bill Wild is interested in being an alternate.

Correspondence

- NJ Shade Tree Federation membership cards were distributed.

Public Participation:

Bill Wild reported:

- Maple tree planted at North County Library on 2016 Arbor Day is doing well. County has been doing a nice job caring for it, watering, pruning etc.
- White rocks in landscape bed should be removed by hand so not to disturb root bed of trees.

Minutes:

May 10, 2017 – the minutes were approved as read

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 A.R. moved, Hans seconded

Old Business:

- 300th Nursery- trees flagged, Nursery has been mowed once this year and is ready to be mowed again.

Emerald Ash Borer:

- Was discussed the need for money for treatment and removal.
- Hans mentioned that Flemington Borough was interested in treating their street trees and was wondering if any other government agencies were interested in buying the chemical in bulk to save money.
- AEB workshop was discussed, it was determined that workshop approximately 30 to 45 minutes long is warranted. Tom Mathews was going to inquire if the workshop could be on an agenda of an upcoming HC Planning Board breakfast talk. The STC will contact NJ Division of Forestry for a presenter.
- As per Freeholder John King's request, the STC will send out emails to the municipal clerks with the EAB information on it for distribution to the committees and Environmental Commissions.

New Business:

- Hunterdon County Agricultural Fair- The STC agreed to supply educational information about the EAB to a county run booth at the fair. Tom Mathews will coordinate.
- Tree inventory – the STC would like to apply for a grant for conducting a tree inventory. Robert Becker will be asked to lead the grant application process.
- Future meetings was discussed to change 2018 meeting dates to Monday nights to accommodate the memberships schedules.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 on a motion by A.R. Willey, seconded by Tom Mathews

Next meeting is September 13, 2017