

Shade Tree Commission Meeting March 8, 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: John Anderson, A.R. Willey and Tom Mathews

Audience: Barbara Sachan

Bill Wild

Vice Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

Membership

- Was discussed that 2 people from Readington Township are interested in joining the Shade Tree Commission. Was agreed that both were needed, once will be an alternate. Will send Robert Becker and Jonathan Hanbicki applications for membership.

Correspondence

Disapproval letter from NJDEP Community Forestry in reference to the Shade Tree's 5 year Forestry Plan.

Public Participation:

- Bill Wild asked if there was any new information on the Bacterial Leaf scorch in the area.
- Barbara Sachan asked about the availability of State funding to assist with the removal of ash trees in the County.

Minutes:

January 11, 2017 – the minutes were approved

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Old Business:

- 300th Nursery- Tom Mathews reported the nursery is in need of a spring cleanup. Retagging, mowing, fix fencing etc. John Anderson asked if County could spray weed control around trees as well.
- Forestry Management Plan 2017-2021- was denied, revisions are necessary.
- Annual Community Forrest Plan was submitted on February 13, 2017.

Emerald Ash Borer

- Has been confirmed in Hunterdon County (West Amwell)
- Has been found but not officially confirmed in Alexandria, Bethlehem, Delaware and Raritan Townships.
- It was agreed that the Commission should present the news to the Freeholders and request funding for an inventory and removal of ash trees.
- Commission to ask Rosa if she would do a presentation for the Freeholders.

New Business:

- Arbor Day- April 29, 2017
 - Discussed doing ceremony at a local school (will follow up with Lester D Wilson to see their interest)
 - Will be planting a sugar maple this year.
 - Buy 30 trees-20 schools have responded YES
 - Commission will purchase seedlings for Flemington again and Holland Township Green fair (and possibly school class for designated school for celebration)
- Holland Township Green Fair April 26, 2017- Tom Mathews and Melissa Allen will attend.
 - The Commission will purchase seedling and have EAB literature
- Neil to discuss procedures involved in rating "T.R.A.Q." at May 10, 2017 meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 on a motion by John Anderson, seconded by A.R. Willey

Next meeting is May 10, 2017