

Hunterdon County Shade Tree Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
November 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: A.R. Willey, Tom Mathews and John Anderson

Audience: Bill Wild

Vice Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

Public Participation:

- none

Minutes:

- September 13, 2017 – the minutes were approved as read

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

Membership

- Bill Wild submitted an application to be an alternate. The Freeholders will appoint the last remaining alternate position at Reorganization Meeting in December 2017.
- Tom Mathews explained that at the Shade Tree Conference reorganization in January we need to designate which members are alternate #1 and alternate #2 for voting privileges.

Correspondence

- none

Old Business:

- 300<sup>th</sup> Nursery- Tom Mathews mowed the nursery on November 4, 2017. He reported between 175 and 200 trees are alive. John Anderson and A.R. will donate bamboo stakes for tree location. Tom will have the County supply ribbon or paint the stakes Bill Wild offered to fertilize the trees.

- Annual Shade Tree Conference was attended by Tom Mathews and Robert Becker. Tom received his CORE training and earned 5 CEU's. We need at least 3 CEU's from Rob Becker. Tom reported we are close to becoming accredited and will only be the 5<sup>th</sup> County to do so.
- Emerald Ash Borer- Treatment vs removal was discussed. Ash trees to be treated need to be in the right location and in good health. The STC needs to set a goal to educate as many of the tree owners as possible of their options. The trees in the roads R.O.W. are owned by the specific property owner in which they are located therefore the county and utility companies will not be treating them.

New Business:

- Tree inventory- It was discussed that a 2018 goal is to complete a tree inventory of County road R.O.W.'s. Parks Department has done a preliminary inventory of the high occupancy areas.
- Breakfast talk- Tom Sheppard H.C. Parks Naturalist will be giving a 15 minute presentation on the Emerald Ash Borer on November 28, 2017 at 7:30 AM at the Rt 12 Complex. The STC is invited to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 on a motion by John Anderson, seconded by Tom Mathews

Next meeting is January 8, 2018