

HUNTERDON COUNTY
Shade Tree Commission Meeting February 12, 2018

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: Tom Mathews, Hans Hanbicki and Robert Becker

Audience: none

Secretary Mathews called the meeting to order at 7:17 P.M.

Reorganization:

Robert Becker nominated John Anderson for chairman. Hans seconded

3-0 vote for Anderson as Chairman

Robert Becker nominated Tom Mathews for secretary, Hans seconded

3-0 vote for Mathews as Secretary

Tom Mathews nominated Hans Hanbicki as alternate #1, Robert seconded

3-0 vote for Hans as alternate #1

Rob Becker asked that the website be changed to reflect the reorganization.

Public Participation:

- none

Minutes:

- November 8, 2017 – the minutes were approved as read

Correspondence

- Hunterdon County Parks concerning Earth Day- Robert Becker recommended not participating
- Musser Forests Spring Catalog -
- Email regarding Arbor Day from Tracy Giannattasio from HCRHS –Melissa will reach out and see if they would like seedlings and handouts for Arbor Day.
- Email regarding Garden Expo 2018- Neil said he might be interested in doing this.

Old Business:

- 300th Nursery- Saturday in March work detail-Tom will handle this and send out an email.
- Accreditation- We need 3 credits. We will try to get some from our Readington Township membership-Hans volunteered his credits.
- Emerald Ash Borer- Robert Becker will write a letter asking for HCSTC to be notified where EAB is being detected.
 - Breakfast talk –The presentation by Tom Sheppard was great, but there were no questions or comments afterwards which is alarming.

New Business:

- 2018 Goals & Objectives – year 2 of the 5 year plan
 - tree inventory funds
 - Tree planting species list
 - Arbor Day
 - Various Fairs
- Tree inventory –Planet-it Geo Software – hopefully to be used. We need accreditation to be grant eligible.
- Arbor Day Celebration- April 27, 2018
- Suggested tree species planting list- need for 2018 goals.
- 2018 meeting dates –handed out list of meeting dates for 2018
- 2018 budget status –remains flat
- Annual Report – was submitted to NJ Forestry prior to the due date of February 15, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 on a motion by Robert Becker, seconded by Tom Mathews

Next meeting is March 12, 2018