

## Shade Tree Commission Meeting March 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 7:04 P.M.

### Public Participation:

- none

### Minutes:

- November 8, 2017 – the minutes were approved as read  
-Becker moved Hans seconded.

### Correspondence

- “The Shade Tree” – bimonthly bulletin

### Old Business:

- 300<sup>th</sup> Nursery- marking/tagging trees needs to be done this spring.
- Accreditation- Hans gave us a credit day/Robert Becker has credit hours- Tom will check with Community Forestry.
- Emerald Ash Borer-
  - NJ responded back to Rob Becker’s letter that only Township will be identified for liability reasons. Becker to write a response asking for more detailed locations.
  - State is biologically treating the EAB wasps in areas. Becker to write a letter requesting NJ biologically treat Readington & Clinton State land around Round Valley.

### New Business:

- Tree inventory scope- Rob Becker motioned that PlanetGeo is interested in providing a seminar of the importance of a tree inventory-we will need to host and provide a location. Hans seconded a motion to host the seminar.
- Arbor Day Celebration- April 27, 2018 – Melissa will reach out to Lebanon Twp. School and see if they are interested in hosting us this year.
- Suggested tree species planting list- Becker will send what Readington suggests.

- Grants- Annual Community Forestry cycle check deadline and a webinar for preparing the grant.
- Hans mentioned a possible bill for Shade Tree Commission for tree planting and removal.
- Hans reported that on April 4<sup>th</sup> the Green Council of New Jersey is meeting various organizations for a round table on master plan on EAB. Hans will be in attendance and report back to Shade Tree.
- Becker reported that on March 17<sup>th</sup> the NJ Forestry Annual Forreest management meeting will be held @ Rutgers –Becker will attend and report back.

Action Items:

- Tom Mathews
  - Accreditation status
  - Nursery maintenance/status
  - Grant timeline
- Hans Hanbicki
  - April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting with Green Council of New Jersey
- Robert Becker
  - March 17 meeting
  - Letter to area specific EAB
  - Planting tree websites
  - PlanetGeo seminar
  - Letter requesting biologically treated areas.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 a motion by Robert Becker, seconded by Tom Mathews

Next meeting is March 12, 2018