

Shade Tree Commission Meeting May 14, 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, Robert Becker, Bill Wild and John Anderson

Absent: A.R. Wiley, Neil Hendrickson

Audience: none

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

Public Participation:

- none

Minutes:

- March 12, 2017 – the minutes were approved as read
-Becker moved Hans seconded.

Correspondence

- none

Old Business:

- Members are to provide Tom Mathews with a list of suggested Shade Tree and Road right-of-way appropriate trees by next meeting.
- 300th nursery- STC to mow and mark trees, they will also take an inventory of trees missing to get an idea of the number for future plantings. Clinton Rotary is interested in planting trees in the nursery and is looking for a quantity and species.
- Arbor Day- Tom Mathews reported the ceremony was a success. It was held inside at the Valley View School in Lebanon Township for grades k-4. A Pink Dogwood was planted and white pine seedlings were handed out to the 3rd grade. Additional white pine seedlings were handed out to the Special Education Department at Hunterdon Central High School in Flemington, Flemington Library and Flemington Baptist Church.
- Grant Application- Tom Mathews reported that a grant in the amount of \$10,000 was applied for to offset the cost of the STC future tree inventory. Tom reported preliminary quotes for the hazardous tree inventory were in the amount of \$60,000 to \$65,000. It was also discussed that the inventory must be conducted under the direction of a certified tree expert. The tree inventory will try to begin this fall as suggested by the STC members.
- Emerald Ash Borer- Robert Becker reported Readington Township is treating 50-60 Ash trees. He did not write a letter to the State asking them to be more specific on the EAB confirmed locations. Tom Mathews reported the state released wasp nymph in Hunterdon County to combat the EAB.

New Business:

- Robert Becker reported on the agenda for the June 28th seminar hosted by the HCSTC . The title of the seminar will be “Technologies for the Modern Community Forest Management” with the Keynote speaker from PlanetGEO. Members from the NJ Urban & Community Forestry Program and the NJ Emerald Ash Borer Task Force are also scheduled to speak. Robert Becker will ask Dan Bush, Parks Director if he is interested in speaking also. Talk will be held at the Route 12 County Complex from 8:30 to 1:30.
- Tom Mathews asked if someone from the STC could look and give a health assessment of an ash tree in Rosemont at the intersection of CR 519/CR 604. Hans volunteered to do so.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 a motion by John Anderson, seconded by Tom Mathews

Next meeting is July 9, 2018