

## Shade Tree Commission Meeting November 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, Robert Becker, Bill Wild, Neil Hendrickson and John Anderson

Absent: A.R. Wiley

Audience: none

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

### Public Participation:

- none

### Minutes:

- September 10, 2018 – the minutes were approved as read  
-Anderson moved Hans seconded.

### Correspondence

- Letter from Senator Shirley Turner
- Tamke Tree Tips

### Old Business:

- Suggested tree species planting list. – Bill Wild and Rob Becker provided tree planting lists from the Shade Tree Conference to be posted on our website. Lists were prepared by others reducing our liability.
- Tom Mathews reported that the HCSTC endorsement of JCP&L's Reliability Plus Plan was sent to the Board of Chosen Freeholders in September. The Board of Chosen Freeholders have yet to give their endorsement. The Plan would trim and remove trees in the County ROW that are high risk.
- Update on Spotted Lanternfly, Neil reported that because of the way the Spotted Lanternfly eats that their numbers could be dependent on if it is a wet or dry season. They are relatively new to the region and are still being studied. They have shown to decimate grapes and hop plants but might only be a nuisance to other trees.
- Shade Tree Conference Rob Becker, Bill Wild, John Anderson Hans Hanbicki, and Neil Hendrickson all attended the conference and the HCSTC should receive our necessary credits.
- Tree inventory- Tom Mathews reported that the County requested for proposals to complete a High Risk tree inventory along the County maintained roadways. The proposals were received on November 9, 2018 and should be awarded in December.

New Business:

- 2018 Community Forestry GOALS- Tom Mathews reported that the HCDTC has accomplished all of its 2018 goals as spelled out in our 5-year Community Forestry Plan
- 2019 meeting dates- membership would like to keep the meetings on Mondays
- 2019 Membership- Tom Mathews thanked John Anderson for his years of service, Rob Becker will contact the municipal Shade Tree people to see if anyone is interested in joining.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 a motion by John Anderson, seconded by Tom Mathews

Next meeting is January 14, 2019