

Shade Tree Commission Meeting September 10, 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 7:05 P.M.

Public Participation:

- none

Minutes:

- May 14, 2017 – the minutes were approved as read
-Becker moved Hans seconded.

Correspondence

- Email from Raymond Note- asking if we have a tree care ordinance. Becker said he would respond to email.

Old Business:

- Suggested tree species planting list. - Tom will compile a list for November meeting
- Ash Tree on CR 604/519 intersection Hans reported is healthy right now, some leaders over CR 604 could be removed if we wanted to.
- Update on Emerald Ash Borer - Hunterdon County Parks Dept. is handling the inventory and treatment of ash trees on parkland themselves.
- Tree mapping Technologies for Modern Community Forest Management – Becker reported it was very productive but not well attended by the local municipalities.

New Business:

- Shade Tree Conference – Bill Wild and John Anderson to attend for Hunterdon County. Becker to attend for Readington Twp. and Hans is going to attend and will give his credits to Hunterdon County.
- Tree inventory grant Received \$10,000.00 grant for hazardous tree inventory. Tom will put RFP out for that to be awarded this year. All agreed work to be done this winter. PlanetGEO could be software to be used.
- EAB resolution – Becker moved, Hans 2nded -5-0 approved to recommend Freeholders pass resolution to request monies to help with EAB.
- JCP&L is asking for Freeholder support for their planned “Reliability Plus” 4-year program. Plan will allocate 25%/per year of its resources to vegetation control which will be mostly on County Roads. They will be targeting ash and hazardous trees for removal which will assist the County DPW’s efforts to remove these trees for public safety reasons. The Shade Tree Commission approved 5-0 to recommend to the Freeholders to support the plan.
- Spotted Lanternfly has been identified in Hunterdon County. Because of this Warren, Mercer and Hunterdon County’s have been quarantined. The spotted Lanternfly eats sap from plants, they prefer ailanthus trees, walnuts and grape vines.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a motion by Hans Hanbicki, seconded by Tom Mathews

Next meeting is November 11, 2018