

Shade Tree Commission Meeting August 5, 2019

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: Bill Wild, Hans Hanbicki, Robert Becker, Neil Hendrickson and Dan Bush

Absent: Tom Mathews

Audience: none

Meeting called to order at 7:15 P.M.

Minutes:

- June 5, 2019 –
 - Approved after a few minor changes. Robert Becker moved Neil Hendrickson seconded.
 - Bill Wild had some changes to April 2, 2019 meeting minutes.

Correspondence

- Stakeholder letter from NJ Division of Parks & Forestry-online survey request

Old Business:

- 300th Nursery- needs to be mowed & marked– no current action has been taken.
- Tom sent the Shade Tree information to the State.
- Update on Emerald Ash Borer & Spotted Lantern Fly – Neil provided and update on both the EAB and SLF. Bill supplied the board with an update on chemical treatments on both insects.
 - Soil Drench showing signs that it will be effective in treating EAB.
 - Injection still preferred current method of EAB.
- Discussion of potential treatment of EAB in county parks.
- Rob discussed inventory software availability for county trees to help manage the EAB.
 - Should other county municipalities have access to the inventory?
- Dan discussed County trail maintenance, including cutting high risk trees and mechanical removal of invasive plants.

New Business:

- Membership – (1) alternate member still needed.
- Hunterdon County Ag Fair- check with Parks or health that a booth will be present educating about the EAB & SLF

- Inventory of all Arbor Day trees.
- Beech Leaf Disease (BLD) – is making its first appearance in the Garden State.
- Neil discussed other diseases:
 - Pear Trellis rust
 - Thousand cankers
 - Beech leaf disease

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 a motion by Robert Becker, seconded by Neil Hendrickson. Motion passed 4-0

Next meeting is October 7, 2019