

## Shade Tree Commission Meeting October 7, 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, Tom Mathews and Neil Hendrickson

Absent: Robert Becker and Dan Bush

Audience: none

Meeting called to order at 7:04 P.M.

### Minutes:

- August 05, 2019 –
  - Approved after a few minor changes. Neil Hendrickson moved Hans Hanbicki seconded.

### Correspondence

- none

### Old Business:

- 300<sup>th</sup> Nursery- needs to be mowed & marked– no current action has been taken.
- 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.
  - Two different fungi are being studied to combat Spotted Lantern Fly
  - Traps are being tested and designed to catch EAB.
- Ash trees that Readington treated are doing well.
- It was discussed if the inventory software availability for county trees will help manage the EAB.
  - If the municipalities ask to have access to the inventory, the County can provide read only access.

### New Business:

- Membership – (1) alternate member still needed.
- Inventory of all Arbor Day trees will be worked on by Bill Wild and Rob Becker.
- 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

- 2019 & 2020 Community Forestry goals were discussed.
- Next years meeting dates will be the first Monday of the month starting in February 2020.
- Bill Wild suggested that in the future the promotion of tree planting should accompany the education of as tree removal.
- It was discussed to ask Rob Becker to distribute his municipal liaison list to the group.
- Tom circulated a letter residents of Franklin Township residents concerning ash trees and the EAB. The Shade Tree Commission will edit the letter for discussion at the next meeting. The letter will then be distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55

Next meeting is December 2, 2019