

Shade Tree Commission August 3, 2020

Hunterdon County Shade Tree Commission (HCSTC) met on the above date in the large assembly room at the Hunterdon County Complex, Route 12 Flemington, New Jersey. The meeting notice is in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

Members Present: Bill Wild, Hans Hanbicki, Tom Mathews, Neil Hendrickson, Robert Becker and Keith Decker

Absent: Dan Bush

Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Chairman Hanbicki

Minutes:

Minutes of June 1, 2020 were approved

Public Participation:

- None

Correspondence:

- None

Old Business:

- EAB
 - The County is currently not receiving many calls about dead Ash trees along the County Roads.
 - Bill Wild believes should start marking dead trees for removal now while foliage is out.
 - Dead trees are dangerous and need to be removed as soon as possible
 - Adult EAB's are now eating the leaves. To spot them look for damaged/notched leaves on Ash trees
 - The need to post warning letter is great. Tom will get it on the County website.
- Spotted Lantern Fly
 - They are adults now and heavily present in some areas of Hunterdon
 - They continue to be great hitchhikers
 - Can be killed using pesticides
 - Still not much more than a nuisance
- Arbor Day
 - A Princeton Elm will be planted at the arboretum for the cancelled in a spot picked out by Bill Wild and Hans. The County will plant the tree when convenient

New Business:

- Robert Becker reported that the NJ Community Forestry website and mailing list is a great resource
 - That there is possible reforestation grants available for municipalities and Counties

- Submitted the “State and Private Forestry fact Sheet” to be included in the minutes
 - Would like the municipalities to have the opportunity to treat ash trees on County Roads
- Bild Wild would like to advise Flemington Borough about the shade trees they are planting on Main Street. Location, planting area, species are in question
- Beech Leaf Disease
 - Seems to be getting worse and moving into this area. It seems to be treatable though with chemicals
- Shade Tree Conference—October 2020
 - Will be all virtual this year
 - Will be at a reduced rate
 - Will be a week long
 - Tom will send out an interest email on who would like to attend once brochure comes out

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Next meeting is October 5, 2020