

Shade Tree Commission Meeting January 11, 2017

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: John Anderson, Neil Hendrickson, A.R. Willey and Tom Mathews

Audience: Robert Becker of Readington Township Shade Tree

Bill Wild

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.

Correspondence

Musser Forest, Inc

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Public Participation:

Readington Township was present speaking of the Emerald Ash Bore

- They are doing a survey with volunteers
- 12 to 15 people have volunteered to do the survey
- Ash & Oak were located with BHD
- 12/20 Districts have been done
- Treatments by diameter

Minutes:

November 9, 2016 – the minutes were approved

March 9, 2016 – the minutes were approved

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

Reorganization:

John Anderson made a motion to nominate Neil Hendrickson, Chairman Tom Mathews seconded

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

A.R. Willey made a motion to nominate John Anderson, vice-Chairman Tom Mathews seconded

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

John Anderson made a motion to nominate Tom Mathews, Secretary A.R. Willey seconded

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

Old Business:

- 300th Nursery- weeds need to be removed before spring.
- Ash Decline- we need to advise the public of what's coming
- Forestry Management Plan 2017-2021- status update is its still under review by the state.

Budget

- Operating budget will remain flat.

New Business:

- Update on Ash Decline and Emerald Ash Borer- the board discussed and agreed that we should set up links for information on the website to help educate the public on the situation.
- Utility Update –trimming for south county substations was reported by John Anderson
- 2016 Annual Community Forestry Plan Report- **DUE FEB. 15TH**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 on a motion by John Anderson, seconded by Tom Mathews

Next meeting is March 8, 2017