

Meeting Minutes for Shade Tree Commission November 8, 2021

Hunterdon County Shade Tree Commission (HCSTC) met on the above in the large assembly room in Building #1 of the Route 12 County Complex. The meeting notice is in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

Members Present: Bill Wild, Tom Mathews, Hans Hanbicki,

Absent: Dan Bush, Keith Decker, Neil Hendrickson

Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M.

Minutes:

Minutes of September 13, 2021 were approved

Public Participation:

- None

Correspondence:

- None

Old Business:

- Beech Leaf Disease- Has been reported at Vorhees State Park in Lebanon
- Emerald Ash Borer- No update
- Spotted Lantern Fly- Nouupdate
- Bacteria Leaf Scorch- The wet year continues to slow the symptoms.

New Business:

- **Shade Tree Conference Report** – Hans and Bill attended representing the STC. They said the Conference was very educational. Classes they enjoyed discussed tree myths and plantings in a biosphere.
- Discussed **new meeting dates for 2022**. Suggested the 4th Monday of the month starting in January.
- Discussed the need to get a new **5-year community forestry plan** prepared and approved. Our current one expires this year.
- Discussed the **certifications and training a tree crew needs**. The STC can held with that if the County decides to hire a in-house crew.
- Discussed the County need for a hazardous tree removal plan and budget to carry it out. Was suggested that the meeting minutes be sent to our STC Commissioner liaison in the future.
- This was last meeting in 2021, next meeting will be reorganization 1/24/21? 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.