

Meeting Minutes for Shade Tree Commission May 25, 2022

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, Hans Hanbicki, Dan Bush, Neil Hendrickson

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Minutes: Minutes of March 30, 2022, were approved by Neil with amendments, seconded by Hans.

Public Participation: None

Correspondence: None

Old Business

- **South County Park** – moved 25 trees to Melicks Bridge.
- **Beech Leaf Disease** – nursery Closter Nature Center in Bergen/Hudson County has it present.
- **Emerald Ash Borer** – actively hitting ash trees.
- **Oak Wilt** – zero in Western PA & NY false positive.
- **Bacteria Leaf Scorch** – in Hunterdon County (worse with dry year).
- **High Risk Tree Removal** – The County continues to remove high risk trees along its roadways and in its parks.
- **5-Year Community Forestry Plan** – Process of update to the plan.
- **Arbor Day Celebration** – Great event where the Arbor Day tree and Salem Oak were planted in the Gardens at Hunterdon County Arboretum.
- **Blue Star Memorial Planting** – Completed by Ryland Inn on May 10, 2022.
- **Landscaping Stone Removal at the North County Library** – Bill will send memo for minutes with photo back up with a recommendation for future County consideration.
- Status of Inventory
- County Nursery
- Check on replanting plan
- Readington starting to replant understory trees where Ash Trees were.

New Business:

- **I.S.A. Tree Conference** – reminder it is being held on March 2-3, 2023.
- **Thank you** – to Melissa for the proofing of the press release.

The meeting was adjourned motion made by Neil, seconded by Bill.