

## **Delaware Township Shade Tree Commission**

### **Hunterdon County, New Jersey**

**March 25, 2021**

Covid 19 guidelines for public notice and personal safety were followed.

The regular meeting of the Delaware Township Shade Tree Commission was held on March 25th, 2021 at the Delaware Township Building. Chairperson Bob Hornby called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

#### **Open Public Meetings Act**

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Roll Call:**

Present-Larry Coffey, Bob Hornby, Kathy Klink, Susan Lockwood, Cathy Pouria, Tony Szwed

Absent- Kevin Lavoie, Les Alpaugh, A.R. Willey, Caroline Suesserman

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Membership was discussed. Kathy Klink made a motion to approve the minutes. Larry Coffey seconded. Minutes were approved by unanimous roll call vote.

#### **Communications and Administrative Business**

Trees on Route 604 were trimmed by JCP&L

**Chair Comments:** None

#### **Old Business:**

Dilts Park Tree Conditions-Ash trees along the stream should be addressed, which is the final phase of the ash tree removal from the park. Discussion of trail reopening and the potential for obtaining a county grant. A letter will be re-sent to the township committee about needs and recommendations for Dilts Park.

Ash Borer Update

Lantern Fly Update

Tree City USA application-Deadline has been extended; it may be possible to apply.

Arbor Day: April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Trees Free trees will be given to Delaware Township School students.

#### **New Business:**

Annual Report for 2020 has been approved

Shade Tree Commission Budget 2021 will be \$800. Larry Coffey made a motion to approve the budget. Tony Szwed seconded the motion. The budget was approved by unanimous roll-call vote.

Dilts Park New Trees-The Commission will discuss options with the Department of Public Works and place stakes in the intended planting locations. Other new tree options were discussed, such as planting London Planes and planting two matching trees along Buchanan Rd. Other Dilts Park items related to both the Shade Tree Commission and the Environmental Commission were discussed such as a grant for handicapped equipment, parking lot, maintenance, and the possibility of using a professional planner.

Sustainable New Jersey was discussed.

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion to Adjourn**

Tony Szwed made a motion to adjourn, Kathy Klink seconded. The meeting was concluded.

Respectfully Submitted: Cathy Pouria, Secretary