

## **Delaware Township Shade Tree Commission**

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

The regular meeting of the Delaware Township Shade Tree Commission was held on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 at the Delaware Township Municipal Building. Chairman Bob Hornby called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

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

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Roll Call:**

Present-Larry Coffey, Cathy Pouria, Bob Hornby, Tony Szwed, A.R. Willey

Absent-Kevin Lavoie, Les Alpaugh, Caroline Suesserman, Kathy Klink

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

The minutes of the July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Cathy Pouria made a motion to approve the minutes. Bob Hornby seconded. Minutes were approved by unanimous roll call vote.

#### **Communications and Administrative Business:** None

#### **Chair Comments:** None

#### **Old Business:**

Dilts Playground Trees-Ash Tree removal has been completed, the London Plane trees planted in replacement look good.

Ash Borer damage and Lantern Fly invasive species were discussed. Urban areas seem to be having more of an issue with the Spotted Lantern Fly than rural areas. Other tree issues such as oak tree bacterial leaf scorch and zig zag worms affected plane trees were also noted.

Tree City USA-will anticipate for 2023.

CEU 2022 Summary-enough credits have been completed.

#### **New Business:**

Shade Tree Conference October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> in Cherry Hill.

Since no credits are needed from the conference, the discussion moved to allocating the funds budgeted for it towards planting trees near Higgins Ln.

A.R. Willey made a motion to move the \$150 budgetary line item from the conference to tree planting. Tony Szwed seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yes-Cathy Pouria, Bob Hornby, Tony Szwed, Larry Coffey, A.R. Willey

No-None, Abstain-None

Larry Coffey made a motion to spend approximately \$600 to plant trees on the hill above Higgins Farm Lane along Rt 523. Tony Szwed seconded the motion. Discussion followed about the number and type of trees to plant, supplier, time of year to plant and labor.

Roll Call: Yes-Bob Hornby, Tony Szwed, A.R. Willey, Cathy Pouria, Larry Coffey

No-none Abstain-none

A letter will be written to the Township Committee seeking removal of the dead trees.

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion to Adjourn:** Tony Szwed made a motion to adjourn, A.R. seconded with all in favor. The meeting was concluded.