

Delaware Township Shade Tree Commission Hunterdon County, NJ

The regular meeting of the Delaware Township Shade Tree Commission was held on Thursday, January 23rd 2020 at the Delaware Township Building. Chairman Bob Hornby called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Open Public Meeting Act

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: In attendance-Bob Hornby, Kathy Klink, Tony Szwed, Cathy Pouria, AR Willey, Susan Lockwood

Absent-Kevin Lavoie, Larry Coffey, Dan Kwasnik

Election of Officers: Kathy Klink nominated Bob Hornby as Chairperson. Tony Szwed seconded. Bob Hornby was elected by unanimous roll call vote. Tony Szwed nominated Kathy Klink as vice-chairperson. Cathy Pouria seconded. Kathy Klink was elected by unanimous roll call vote. Kathy Klink nominated Cathy Pouria as secretary. Tony Szwed seconded. Cathy Pouria was elected by unanimous roll call vote.

Membership

Kathy Klink made a motion to make Cathy Pouria a voting member, Caroline Suesserman will be an advisor. AR seconded the motion. Motion was passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Designation of Newspapers to Carry Public Notices and Advertisements

Kathy Klink made a motion to designate The Democrat, Star Ledger and Trenton Times to carry the notices. AR Willey seconded. The motion was passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the December meeting were reviewed. Minor corrections were noted.

Approve-Bob Hornby, Kathy Klink, AR Willey, Cathy Pouria, Tony Szwed

Abstain-Susan Lockwood

Minutes were approved pending corrections.

Approval of 2020 Meeting Dates:

January 23	May 28	September 24
February 27	June 25	October 22
March 26	July 23	December 3

April 23 August 27 (reservation only, meeting not typically held in August)

Cathy Pouria made a motion to approve the 2020 meeting dates. Tony Szwed seconded. Minutes were approved by unanimous roll-call vote.

Communications and Administrative Business:

There still may be minutes that need to go on the website.

Chair Comments:

The 2020 annual accomplishment report is due February 15th. Tree City USA status should be a goal for 2020.

Old Business:

DPW removed some trees at Dilts Park, and a contractor removed some of the larger ones. The commission will send a letter to the Township Committee regarding recommendations for further tree work at the park.

New Business:

The Environmental Congress from the Delaware Township School gave a tree presentation. Students gave informational presentations on the Silverbell, Red Oak ,Heritage River Birch, Plum, Eastern Holly and Eastern Redbud trees. They asked the Shade Tree Commission to choose and purchase seedlings for them to give to the 2nd grade students for Arbor Day. Members of the Shade Tree Commission thanked the students and commended them for a job well done.

Susan Lockwood made a motion to choose the Redbud. AR seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Tony Szwed made a motion to choose the Holly as a second choice in case the Redbud is unavailable. Cathy Pouria seconded. The motion was passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Kathy Klink made a motion to purchase the seedlings at a cost not to exceed \$100. Cathy Pouria seconded. Motion was passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Kathy Klink made a motion to approve spending \$95 for Shade Tree Federation membership costs. AR seconded. Motion was passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Adjournment

Kathy Klink made a motion to adjourn. AR seconded. The meeting was concluded.

