

Delaware Township Shade Tree Commission

Covid 19 guidelines have been followed for public notice and personal safety.

The regular meeting of the Delaware Township Shade Tree Commission was held on September 24th, 2020 at the Delaware Township Building. Chairman Bob Hornby called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Open Public Meetings Act

Chair Hornby noted that the requirements for this meeting have been met.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present-Larry Coffey, Bob Hornby, Tony Szwed, Kathy Klink, Susan Lockwood, Cathy Pouria, Caroline Suesserman
Absent-Kevin Lavoie, Les Alpaugh, A.R. Willey

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the June 25th, 2020 meeting were tabled for future approval.

Communications and Administrative Business

Chair Comments:

Old Business:

Creek area at Dilts Park was discussed. There was a question about whether the DPW should do more tree work in that location. The commission made a recommendation to cut Ash trees to four ft in the creek area. Kathy Klink will follow-up with the DPW about the scope of tree work that can be done at Dilts Park.

Tree City USA status was discussed. It is about halfway done so far. There will need to be a proclamation passed for Arbor Day. The Shade Tree Commission may need the support of the Township Committee during the application process. Members were asked for permission to share their email addresses on the application.

New Business: Eight credits are needed for certification of the STC. The commission has several credits already and more can be obtained at the NJ Shade Tree Federation annual conference. The cost per person to register is \$125.

Larry Coffey made a motion to register Kathy Klink for the conference. Cathy Pouria seconded.

Roll Call-

Approve: Larry Coffey, Bob Hornby, Cathy Pouria, Tony Szwed, Susan Lockwood, Caroline Suesserman

Abstain: Kathy Klink

There was some discussion surrounding tree elevation of trees along route 604 stretching from the township center to the school. The Sugar Maples along the swale at Dilts were also discussed. Kathy Klink will contact 3-4 township tree experts.

The commission discussed publicity and the annual accomplishment report. An idea to put tree tips in the township newsletter was brought up.

Public Comment: None

Motion to Adjourn

Larry Coffey made a motion to adjourn, Tony Szwed seconded. The meeting was concluded.