

Delaware Township Shade Tree Commission

Hunterdon County, New Jersey

The re-organization meeting of the Delaware Township Shade Tree Commission was held on January 26^h, 2023 at the Delaware Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

Open Public Meetings Act

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present-Larry Coffey, Tony Szwed, Susan Lockwood, Cathy Pouria, Amanda Kahn, Bob Hornby

Absent-Les Alpaugh, A.R. Willey, Caroline Suesserman, Brendan Burns

Election of Officers

Chairperson-Cathy Pouria nominated Bob Hornby, Susan Lockwood seconded. Motion was passed by unanimous roll-call vote.

Vice Chair-Cathy Pouria nominated Tony Szwed. Sue Lockwood seconded. Motion was passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Secretary-Susan Lockwood nominated Cathy Pouria. Tony Szwed seconded. Motion was passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Designation of Newspapers to Carry Public Notices and Advertisements

The Democrat, Star Ledger, Trenton Times, Courier News, Express Times and TAPinto (online)

Tony Szwed made a motion to approve the newspapers, Amanda Kahn seconded. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Approval of Meeting Dates

January 26 July 27 (Dilts Park)

March 23 September 28

May 25 (Dilts Park) November 30-alternate date for Thanksgiving

Larry Coffey made a motion to approve the dates, Tony Szwed seconded. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Communications and Administrative Business

The membership resolution may need to be corrected to a 7, rather than 6 member commission. Will be looked into. Board of Education liaison is a non-voting member.

Chair Comments: None

Old Business:

Higgins Farm Rd tree replacement-the commission will coordinate the planting of 3 trees in early Spring with the DPW.

Ash Borer and Lantern Fly update was discussed.

New Business:

Shade Tree Budget-estimated budget appropriations were discussed for tree planting, free Arbor Day Trees for 2d grade DTS students, and training.

Tony made a motion to approve a 2023 budget in the amount of \$800. Larry Coffey seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes-Larry Coffey, Tony Szwed, Bob Hornby, Susan Lockwood, Amanda Kahn

No-none

CORE Training for new members was discussed.

The Annual Accomplishment Report for 2022 is due February 15. The draft is done.

Larry Coffey made a motion to approve the report. Tony Szwed seconded. The motion was passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Tree City USA Application was discussed.

Public Comment: None

Motion to Adjourn

Amanda Kahn made a motion to adjourn, Tony Szwed seconded. The meeting was concluded.