

## **Delaware Township Shade Tree Commission**

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

The regular meeting of the Delaware Township Shade Tree Commission was held on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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- Brendan Burns, Larry Coffey, Bob Hornby, Amanda Kahn, Susan Lockwood, A.R. Willey

Absent- Les Alpaugh, Cathy Pouria, Caroline Suesserman, Tony Szwed,

**Approval of Minutes:** Larry Coffey made a motion to approve the January 26, 2023 minutes with a correction that the July 27 meeting will be at Dilts, Susan Lockwood second; all in favor, Brendan Burns abstained.

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

The resolution authorizing the Shade Tree Commission, 2003-15, has been confirmed. Membership is corrected to a 7, rather than 6-member commission. Board of Education liaison is a non-voting member.

**Chair Comments:** Chair Hornby welcomed Brendan Burns to the Commission.

#### **Old Business:**

Higgins Farm Rd tree replacement- There was some confusion over the winter regarding the ordering of three maple trees for alongside Rt 523 above Higgins Farm Rd. The request will be resubmitted to the Township. AR Willey offered to pick up the trees from Feeney's Nursery and coordinate planting and delivery with Amanda Kahn and the DPW.

Ash Borer and Lantern Fly were discussed. Major League Baseball is exploring alternatives to using ash for bats with some difficulties.

The Annual Accomplishment Report was submitted and approved; Delaware Township has continued to keep certified status. Sue Lockwood recommended a letter be submitted to the Bridge newsletter.

Tree City USA status was discussed, there may be Sustainable Jersey points available.

#### **New Business:**

Arbor Day Trees for 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders: Bob Hornby got a quote from Pinelands Nursery for gray dogwood tubelings at \$2.78 per. There are 48 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, Larry Coffey made a motion to purchase up to 64 tubelings at \$178.56, Susan Lockwood seconded, all in favor by roll call vote. Amanda Kahn and Cathy Pouria have offered to help with distribution, it will be April 28 at 2:30 at the school. Kathy Klink offered to pick up the trees. Bob thanked all involved, it's a fun event.

**Public Comment:** Kathy Klink attended the meeting and offered many helpful tips.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Susan Lockwood made a motion to adjourn, Amanda Kahn seconded. The meeting was concluded at 8:05 pm.