

## **Delaware Township Shade Tree Commission**

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

The regular meeting of the Delaware Township Shade Tree Commission was held on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Dilts Park. 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, Brendan Burns, A.R. Willey, Susan Lockwood (late)

Absent-Les Alpaugh, Amanda Kahn, Caroline Suesserman, Tony Szwed

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 meeting were discussed.

Larry Coffey made a motion to approve the minutes, Brendan Burns seconded.

Minutes were approved by unanimous roll call vote.

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

Delaware Township School's Green Team is seeking support for a grant to plant trees. Sending a letter was discussed.

Larry Coffey made a motion to send a letter of support from the Shade Tree Commission. A.R. Willey seconded.

Motion was passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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

#### **Old Business:**

Higgins Farm Rd tree replacement-the Commission will follow up with Amanda Kahn.

Ash Borer and Lantern Fly update

Arbor Day (April 28) Trees for 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders-The total cost of the trees was \$178.50. Amanda Kahn, Cathy Pouria and Kathy Klink helped deliver and pass out trees. Dr. Wiener played guitar. It was a successful and appreciated event.

### **New Business**

Improvements at Dilts Park- The Commission will suggest improving the forested entrance grove and replanting. Trees to plant should be specified. Suggested trees for planting include Red Buds and Dogwood. Bob Hornby will draft a letter to the Township Committee.

Tree City USA process was discussed. Brendan Burns and Bob Hornby will continue to look into Delaware Township's current status and ability to be designated. There is also a Bird City USA program.

### **Public Comment:**

Diana Garribaldi of Sandy Ridge Road asked about possible plantings for noise abatement to buffer noise from the tennis court and potential pickle ball courts. Several options were discussed. The commission will look into this.

She also commented on a tree needing attention. DPW will be contacted about it.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

A.R. made a motion to adjourn, Brendan Burns seconded with all in favor. The meeting was concluded.

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RE: Delaware Township School: Sustainable Jersey "Trees for Schools" Grant:

At its most recent meeting of May 25, 2023, the Delaware Township Shade Tree Commission discussed and endorsed the efforts of Delaware Township School to pursue a grant for trees around the school. The Shade Tree Commission offered to provide ongoing advice and encouragement regarding tree selection and care. The Commission is confident that the school has the staff and resources to ensure long term success of the project. The Township of Delaware is very supportive of the school and consistently shows active community engagement.

On behalf of the Shade Tree Commission,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bob Hornby", is written over a horizontal line.

Bob Hornby, Chair  
Delaware Township Shade Tree Commission