

Delaware Township Shade Tree Commission

Hunterdon County, New Jersey

The regular meeting of the Delaware Township Shade Tree Commission was held on July 27th, 2023 at the Dilts Park pavilion. Chairman Bob Hornby called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Open Public Meetings Act

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present-Larry Coffey, Bob Hornby, Susan Lockwood, Tony Szwed, A.R. Willey.

Absent-Les Alpaugh, Brendan Burns, Cathy Pouria, Amanda Kahn, Caroline Suesserman.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the May 25th, 2023 meeting were discussed.

Tony Szwed made a motion to approve the minutes, A.R. Willey seconded.

Minutes were approved, Tony Szwed abstained.

Communications and Administrative Business

Delaware Township School's Green Team asked for a letter support for a grant to plant trees, Bob wrote a letter as previously approved.

An email was received summarizing the 8 annual continuing education credits (CEU's) required for continuing certification, Delaware Township currently has none. Bob shared the email with a link for members to get some credits.

Chair Comments: None

Old Business

Higgins Farm Rd tree replacement- There was some confusion about the trees approved in 2022. Tony made a motion to purchase 3 red maples at \$210 each, AR will pick up the trees from Feeney's in coordination with Amanda and the DPW. AR seconded the motion, all in favor by roll call vote.

New Business

Improvements at Dilts Park- Bob attended a meeting with the Park Planner on behalf of Shade Tree along with Mayor Herman and representatives from the Rec Committee, Open Space Committee, Planning Board, and DTAA. The meeting was a preliminary discussion of current park usage. Larry urged input from farmers, Susan encouraged open public input. Discussion concluded that the Shade Tree Commission and Delaware Township would benefit from a long-term vision of the park to coordinate projects.

Public Comment

Kathy Klink attended and offered to take a CEU class.

Motion to Adjourn

Tony made a motion to adjourn, AR seconded with all in favor. The meeting was concluded at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Hornby for the Secretary