

# **Delaware Township Shade Tree Commission**

## **Hunterdon County, New Jersey**

**January 27, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Delaware Township Shade Tree Commission was held on January 27, 2022 via Zoom. Former Chair Bob Hornby called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Covid 19 guidelines for public notice of Zoom meetings were followed.

### **Open Public Meetings Act:**

### **Pledge of Allegiance:**

### **Roll Call:**

Present: Larry Coffey, Bob Hornby, Kathy Klink, Susan Lockwood, Tony Szwed

Absent: Les Alpaugh, Kevin Lavoie, Cathy Pouria, Caroline Suesserman, A.R. Willey,

### **Election of Officers:**

Vice Chair: Larry Coffey, MOTION by Kathy Klink, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Szwed; MOTION to Close nominations by Kathy Klink, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Lockwood; all in favor.

Chair: Bob Hornby, MOTION by Kathy Klink, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Szwed; MOTION to Close nominations by Kathy Klink, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Lockwood; all in favor.

Secretary: Cathy Pouria, MOTION by Sue Lockwood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Szwed; MOTION to Close nominations by Kathy Klink, 2<sup>nd</sup> Larry Coffey; all in favor.

### **Designation of Newspapers to Carry Public Notices and advertisements**

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

### **Approval of 2022 Meeting Dates:**

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7:30 PM on odd months, except as noted. Meetings will be held at the Delaware Township Municipal Building, Dilts Park, or via Zoom if necessary due to health concerns

January 27, 2022

July 28, 2022 (At Dilts)

March 24, 2022

September 22, 2022

May 26, 2022 (At Dilts)

December 1, 2022\*

\*November 24 is Thanksgiving; December 1 is an alternate date.

MOTION to approve Designation of Newspapers and 2022 meeting dates by Kathy Klink, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue Lockwood, all in favor

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the December 2, 2021 Meeting: Tabled

**Communications and Administrative Business:**

\$448 was spent out of the 2021 remaining budget on trees for Dilts.

**Chair Comments:** None

**Old Business:**

Dilts Park Tree Conditions: a recommendation was made to the Township Committee to cut the 6 dead ash trees around the playground flush to ground level to remove the hazard now that the new trees are filling in. Chair Hornby did a site visit and 4 had been cut about 3' off the ground and 2 were remaining. Sue Lockwood offered to forward this to Township Committee at the next meeting.

Ash Borer Update: Damage is widespread across NJ, many limbs on roads.

Lantern Fly Update: No new news, being treated essentially as a nuisance with damage limited to some orchard fruit and vineyards.

CEU Credits: Delaware has 6 of the 8 credits, Kathy and Bob plan to take some online classes before the end of the year.

**New Business:**

March 16: AR Willey will host a talk on the Ash tree replacement following the Environmental Committee meeting, all are invited.

Annual Accomplishment Report: Due February 15, Chair Hornby is working on it and confirmed enough CEU's for 2021. Thanks to Kathy for some late additions!

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion to Adjourn**

MOTION by Kathy Klink, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Szwed, all in favor. The meeting was concluded at 8:00pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Bob Hornby, Chair