

# **Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission**

## **September 12, 2018**

### **Call to Order**

Called to order at 7:30 PM

### **Roll Call**

Present: Al Werner, Fred Burgerhoff, Mike Zaidel, Randy Santoro, Derek Asay, Jack Gray, Cindy Aiken, Frank Goodhart, Ryan Wallace, Jorge Casacuberta

Absent: Linda Sims, John Malay

### **Previous Month's Minutes**

- Approved.

### **Introductions**

- Introduced Ryan to group, Jorge explained the liaison position. Each member introduced themselves and their interest / expertise in trees.

### **Bills/Correspondence**

- No bills.
- Question (in email) about a flowering tree (Judy will respond); another question about an insect infestation (also email, Judy will respond).
- Correspondence from the Mayor – the Rotary Club would like to donate / plant an Oak tree at town hall.
- Discussed the large dead tree on Stonehouse – Jorge said Jim Ferratti had contacted the homeowner, he would reach out again.

### **Education Report**

- Cindy and Linda attended a forestry presentation at the Bernardsville Library.
- Judy will continue to send notifications about webinars – can usually view them after the initial presentation, but cannot get the CEUs unless viewing the “live” version.
- October 18-19 Shade Tree Federation conference.

### **Charter Day / Arbor Day**

- No updates.

### **Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings**

- Ryan discussed the prunings near St. Mark's and the Library; as well as numerous removals around town.
- Randy will send Judy the windshield survey list to be shared with Jorge and Ryan.
- Discussed fall plantings in Mountain Park, Jorge will reach out to Jen Gander for her thoughts. Group voted to spend up to \$6,000 – looking to plant in October / November.

### **Old Business**

- Jack shaped a piece of the Great Oak tree to be used for a gavel stand in the Warren Craft room – Randy will have it engraved. Plan is to present to TC in November or December.

- There is a “specimen Ash” tree at PVP that we might want to invest in saving – Jorge will talk to the contractor about treatments / estimates, etc.

### **New Business / Member Comments**

- Members wanting to attend the Shade Tree Federation Annual meeting should let Judy know by October 1. So far: Al – both days; Frank – Thursday, Cindy & Fred Friday.

### **Public Comments**

- none.

### **Zone Assignments:**

1 – Cindy/Derek	5 – Al / Mike
2 – Fred	6 - Jack
3 – Randy / Linda	7 – Frank / Fred
4 –Al / Jack	8 – Randy / Mike

Adjournment – 9:10 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, October 10, 2018 – 7:30 PM

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Judy O’Connell - Secretary**