

Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission

March 11, 2020

Call to Order at 7:30

Roll Call Present: Linda Sims, Jack Gray, Frank Goodhart, Randy Santoro, Cindy Aiken, Kate Creegan, Al Werner, Fred Burgerhoff, Mike Zaidel **Absent:** Jim Baldassare, Ryan Wallace

Previous Month's Minutes

- Approved (with revision to Maple tree on S Finley Ave)

Bills/Correspondence

- none

Arbor Day

- Fred talked to schools, we would bring a small potted tree to Cedar Hill and Oak Street Schools (Arbor Day falls within spring break week).
- Randy had no update on the EEC Trees
- Set budget at \$200 for trees (2-3)

Charter Day

- Randy filled out application and sent to Recreation.
- Discussed Tree Planting brochure – approved up to \$100 for brochures.
- Randy will check with Jen Gander about the proposed “Plant a Tree Workshop” location – discussed having in late September; will publicize at Charter Day.

Education Report

- Invasive Species Conference postponed until October 7.
- Kate would like to attend Core Training – she will register herself and we will reimburse.

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings

- Al checked trees at the Municipal complex, couldn't get a very good look, will try again. Jack said he didn't see any obvious spots to plant, but the existing trees look healthy.
- Ryan looked at the Maple tree on S Finley, will have it removed before Charter Day.
- Al looked at Tree Removal permit applications on Cherry Lane – he approved 17 trees to be removed from 111 Cherry lane.
- Jack mentioned a bad tree on Valley / Acken – rotted oak – Randy offered to mention it to Ryan.

Old Business

- No updates from Tree City USA; Randy will send me a list of sign locations.
- Kate will set up a sample handout.
- Frank asked about the article for the Shade Tree Commission page..

New Business / Member Comments

- none.

Action Items from 3/11 meeting:

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- Randy:
 - o Will send Judy a list of Tree City USA sign locations
 - o Will look at trees in the Municipal parking lot on So Maple Ave
- Kate:
 - o Will set up sample handout for Charter Day

Adjournment – 8:45 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy O’Connell - Secretary