

## **Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission**

**September 16, 2020**

Hybrid Meeting = Warren Craft Meeting Room (WC) and Zoom (Z)

**Call to Order** at 7:30

### **Roll Call:**

**WC:** Randy Santoro, Jack Gray, A Werner

**ZOOM:** Linda Sims, Frank Goodhart, Cindy Aiken, Kate Creegan, Ryan Wallace.

**Absent:** Jim Baldassare

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

- Approved (July – no August meeting)

### **Bills/Correspondence**

- No bills.
- Tree City USA let Judy know that we should have had our letter and stickers by now, waiting to hear from Shannon Hart (our NJ Contact).
- Fred sends his regards.
- Judy shared emails from NJ Forest Service about Oak Wilt and Oak Leaf Miner Fly.
- Please let Judy know by 9/18 if you want to be reappointed for 2021.

### **Arbor Day**

- Celebrations were cancelled in 2020, Arbor Day resolution was passed by the Township Committee and can be found on our web page.

### **Charter Day**

- Cancelled for 2020.

### **Education Report**

- Annual Conference will be virtual- members should register and let Judy know (\$125 per Commissioner)
- Strike Team Conference will also be virtual – Randy will attend (\$75 per Commissioner).
- Randy shared information from the book “Trees in Trouble” – a lot of information about western trees and fires. It is by Daniel Mathews and is available at the Township Library.

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

- Removed trees from Childs, Old Farm, Lake, Cross, Keats, Woods End, Girard
- Removed ash trees from Liberty Corner First Aid Squad building and Sewerage Authority
- Pruning and trimming throughout the Township continues – there was a lot of damage from the August 4 storm

### **Old Business**

- Randy said 6/18 was a “tree give away” at the Environmental Center and Colonial Park – all trees were gone in about 2 hours.

**New Business / Member Comments**

- We are asked to be conservative in spending for the remainder of the year due to COVID affecting Township revenues.

Adjournment – 8:30 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:30 PM

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Judy O’Connell - Secretary**