

**Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission**  
**April 13, 2022**

**Call to Order** at 7:05 PM in Warren Craft Meeting Room

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Randy Santoro, Cindy Aiken, Gregory Axt, Jack Gray,  
Linda Sims, Kate Creegan, Al Werner

**Absent:** Frank Goodhart, Scott Kessel, Tom Nicoletti, Jim Baldassare.

**Public Meeting Statement**

- read

**Previous Month's Minutes**

- Approved

**Bills/Correspondence**

- 2 residents from Alexandria Way asking about stump removal – currently being worked on – weather dependent.
- Received our 17 Year stickers from the Arbor Day Foundation.

**Arbor Day**

- Friday, April 29 will be a tree give away at the Environmental Education Center; Kate will ask Star Ledger and Bernardsville News to publicize.
- Judy will talk to PD about potential traffic issues.

**Charter Day**

- Randy received an email from Alec McCartney saying the State Nursery is selling tube seedlings – they do not seem to be all native species.

**Education Report**

- Randy shared article from Star Ledger about destroying Spotted Lantern Flies.
- Bernardsville Shade Tree Committee will be showing a film at the Library at 1:00 PM on 4/29 about the SLF.

**Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings**

- Removed tree at 110 Lake Road – roots were destroyed when the new driveway was installed.
- Judy read Tom's list of projects to date.

**Subcommittee Reports**

- Al, Jack and Linda will be researching area town's Ordinances and Resolutions in relation to Trees - no meetings held yet.

## **Public Comments**

- Todd Edelstein (Riverside Dr) mentioned that the Environmental Commission will be commenting on building applications not to plant invasive species.

## **Old Business**

- Tree City USA application was approved; Annual report was approved.
- Randy mentioned that Tree City USA is looking for mention of Ordinances or Resolutions for Municipal Tree protection in future applications.

## **New Business**

- Kate picked up seedlings from Salem Oak at Round Valley – Jack will plant and nurture until big enough to plant at Town Hall.
- The descendent of the Basking Ridge Oak is doing well at the Presbyterian church yard.
- Email from Sarah Wolfson (Environmental Commission) inviting STC members to a class to construct Spotted Lantern Fly traps.
- Randy will request a tree from the American Chestnut Foundation for planting in town.
- Commissioners Zones:
  - o 1 Cindy
  - o 2 Randy, Kate
  - o 3 Randy, Linda
  - o 4 Jack, Scott
  - o 5 Al
  - o 6 Jack
  - o 7 Frank
  - o 8 Greg

Adjournment – 8:30 PM  
Next meeting – May 11, 2022

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Judy O’Connell**  
**Secretary**