

Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission
July 13, 2022

Call to Order at 7:00 PM

Roll Call:

Present: Randy Santoro, Cindy Aiken, Gregory Axt, Jack Gray,
Scott Kessel, Al Werner, Linda Sims, Tom Nicoletti

Absent: Frank Goodhart, Kate Creegan, Jim Baldassare.

Public Meeting Statement

- Not read

Previous Month's Minutes

- Approved - thank you Cindy!

Bills/Correspondence

- No bills.
- Rafael Reyes from 52 Granville Way is seeking opinion on the health of his trees; Al went to visit, he has some very old river birch trees that are shedding – Al felt they could use a pruning but were ok.

Arbor Day / Charter Day

- No updates since June

Education Report

- Jack shared Star Ledger article on “Callery Pear Trees” – there are many near Fellowship Village.
- NJ Shade Tree Federation started hosting “Tree Talk” series – info shared via email, they are zoom links and free.

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings

- Moosewood Tree Services will be the Township's Contractor (following formal bid approval via resolution).
- DPW has been doing pruning throughout Township.
- Plan to do another windshield survey after the leaves are down in late fall.

Subcommittee Reports

- No updates.

Public Comments

- None.

Old Business

- Nothing new on the Spotted Lantern Fly traps – Kate will store in her barn after they are

removed from the parks – late August / September.

New Business

- Randy would like to cancel the August meeting (all present agreed).
- Next meeting, we will discuss fall plantings – perhaps replacements for Ash trees in Mountain Park.

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 – 7:38 PM

Next meeting – September 14, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy O’Connell
Secretary