

**Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission**  
**May 11, 2022**

**Call to Order at 7:00 PM**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Randy Santoro, Cindy Aiken, Gregory Axt, Jack Gray,  
Scott Kessel, Al Werner

**Absent:** Frank Goodhart, Linda Sims, Kate Creegan, Tom Nicoletti, Jim Baldassare.

**Public Meeting Statement**

- Not read

**Previous Month's Minutes**

- Approved with correction.

**Bills/Correspondence**

- None.

**Arbor Day**

- Distribution went well, almost all trees were taken. Al picked up about 200 at Lake Hiawatha (thank you Al!), and DPW had about 100. EEC kept what was left and will plant.
- Thank you to Randy, Greg, Linda, Al & Jack for helping.

**Charter Day**

- Jen verified that we do have a spot.
- Jack has 3-4 "gifts" from Back to Nature to use as prizes for the tree quiz.
- The Environmental Commission is planning to make Spotted Lantern Fly traps for installation in the Township Parks.

**Education Report**

- No Updates.

**Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings**

- The Bid for Township tree services had only one bidder and the bid was rejected. Project will be re-bid next month.
- Cindy mentioned a big tree on Berta Place that needs attention – members can email Tom at any time with such information.

**Subcommittee Reports**

- Al, Jack and Linda will be researching area town's Ordinances and Resolutions in relation to Trees - no meetings held yet.
- Jack had suggestions of what to include – he shared with the other members of the subcommittee.
- Discussed having the Township Attorney review – we would need to have Mr. Baldassare's

approval / opinion first.

## **Public Comments**

- None.

## **Old Business**

- Randy talked to the American Chestnut Foundation NJ/Pa chapter – hoping to have a meeting at the EEC in the fall.

## **New Business**

- Judy will not be available for the June 15 meeting, Cindy has graciously agreed to be the substitute secretary. (thank you Cindy!)

## **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 – 8:12 PM  
Next meeting – June 15, 2022

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Judy O’Connell**  
**Secretary**