Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission
September 14, 2022

Call to Order at 7:00 PM

Roll Call:
>   **Present:** Randy Santoro, Cindy Aiken, Gregory Axt, Jack Gray,
>   Kate Creegan, Al Werner, Linda Sims, Tom Nicoletti
>   **Absent:** Frank Goodhart, Scott Kessel, Jim Baldassare.

Public Meeting Statement
- Not read

Previous Month's Minutes
- (July) approved

Bills/Correspondence
- None.

Arbor Day / Charter Day
- No updates.

Education Report
- Randy attended some of the NJ Shade Tree Federation "Tree Talk" series – info shared via email, they are zoom links and free.
- Al & Jack plan to attend the Shade Tree Federation Conference in October in Cherry Hill.
- Randy & Jack plan to attend the Invasive Species Task force at Duke Farms October 5.
- The Chestnut Foundation will be meeting at the Environmental Education Center.

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings
- Moosewood Tree Services is now the Township's Contractor and has been doing a lot of crane work throughout the Township.
- DPW has been doing pruning throughout Township; Tom reported removal of 10-11 trees with 4-5 more to go.
- Some of the Memorial Trees need to be replaced; Grounds foreman is working on that.
- We plan to plant 15-20 trees at Mountain Park, probably in November when they are dormant. Randy, Al, Greg & Jack will look at trees at Great Swamp and Rose Valley.

Subcommittee Reports
- No updates.

Public Comments
- None.

Old Business

- Nothing new on the Spotted Lantern Fly traps – Tom will store them at DPW, said some are in rough shape.
- Plan to do another windshield survey after the leaves are down in late fall.

New Business

- Discussed how the drought has affected area trees.
- Kate is working on the downtown "Tree Walk".
- Judy mentioned that she will be asking Commissioners about continuing for 2023.

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 – 8:05 PM
Next meeting – October 12, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy O'Connell
Secretary