

# **Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission**

## **February 15, 2023**

**Call to Order** at 7:02 PM

### **Roll Call:**

**Present:** Randy Santoro, Tom Nicoletti, Jack Gray, Kate Creegan, Al Werner

**Absent:** Frank Goodhart, Gregory Axt, Cindy Aiken, Nick Fetchko, Jim Baldassare

### **Public Meeting Statement**

- Not read

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

- approved

### **Bills/Correspondence**

- Invoice for Randy's Dendrology Course approved (\$40).
- Rose Salaki inquired about attending tonight's meeting, but we still need to discuss possible locations for Spring planting project.

### **Arbor Day / Charter Day**

- Arbor Day – tree give away is available again, Randy sent request form.

### **Education Report**

- Randy stated the Master Ecologist Course which began 2/11 seems good.
- Randy will also attend the Dendrology Course at Duke Farms.
- Al attended a pesticide seminar and will attend the Garden State Tree Conference in early March.

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

- Update from Tom – Zone 5 work complete, now working in Zone 6, will prune near Winding Lane when schools are closed.

### **Public Comments**

- none.

### **Old Business**

- discussed possible locations for the Spring Tree Planting; Jen Gander does not want more trees at Harry Dunham Park. Kate suggested a piece of Township property near her house by Baltusrol Way.
- The Tree City USA application has been submitted; Annual Report was approved and accepted by the Township Committee at their 2/14 meeting.

### **New Business**

- Jack mentioned the 150 Allen Road project, he would like to suggest certain types of trees to require the Developer to use. Randy suggested speaking with the Township Planner.

**Commissioners Zones:**

- 1 Cindy
- 2 Randy, Kate
- 3 Randy
- 4 Jack
- 5 Al
- 6 Jack
- 7 Nick
- 8 Greg

Adjournment – 8:00 PM

Next meeting – March 15, 2023

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Judy O’Connell**  
**Secretary**