

**Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission
September 13, 2023**

Call to Order at 7:02 PM

Roll Call:

Present: Randy Santoro, Kate Creegan, Al Werner, Gregory Axt, Cindy Aiken, Tom Nicoletti

Absent: Jack Gray, Nick Fetchko, Frank Goodhart, Jim Baldassare

Previous Month's Minutes

- approved

Bills/Correspondence

- None

Arbor Day / Charter Day

- Next Charter Day will be May 18, 2024

Education Report

- Shade Tree Federation Conference will be held Oct 26-27 in Cherry Hill, approved Al's registration and Hotel for 1 night.
- Randy talked about the Master Ecology course which will end this weekend.
- Invasive Species Strike Team will have a workshop on 10/20, Kate and Al would like to attend.

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings

- Tom mentioned contractor is working in Township again; various removals.
- Randy suggested looking at ordinances / resolutions in relation to hazardous trees on private property in surrounding towns.
- 9/11 Memorial tree at the Basking Ridge NJ Transit station has been replaced.
- 8 new trees have been purchased for Mountain park.
- No update for the electrical work at Pleasant Valley Park – we will revisit when the plans are in place.

Public Comments

- none.

Old Business

- Memo to Zoning Board of Adjustment, Randy received a change from David Schley (Township Planner).

New Business

- None.

Adjournment – 7:45 PM

Next meeting – October 11, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

**Judy O'Connell
Secretary**