

**Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission
October 11, 2023**

Call to Order at 7:00 PM

Roll Call:

Present: Randy Santoro, Jack Gray, Nick Fetchko, Gregory Axt

Absent: Kate Creegan, Al Werner, Frank Goodhart, Jim Baldassare, Tom Nicoletti, Cindy Aiken

Public Comments:

- Sue Wolfson from the Environmental Commission came to discuss potential Pollinator Garden project at the Library with Susan Kessel.

Previous Month's Minutes

- approved

Bills/Correspondence

- None

Arbor Day / Charter Day

- Next Charter Day will be May 18, 2024

Education Report

- Kate will attend the Tree Symposium at Frelinghuysen Arboretum on 10/21. Frank is being recognized by the Conifer Society.

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings

- Tom reported various prunings / removals throughout the Township.
- No update for the electrical work at Pleasant Valley Park – we will revisit when the plans are in place.

Old Business

- Tree on Berkeley Circle – resident does not wish to remove; discussed the fact that Bernards Township does not have specific ordinance for state of trees on private property. Randy would like to draft one and perhaps have our new liaison present to Township Committee in 2024.

New Business

- In reference to the Pollinator Garden mentioned above, Commissioners voted to approve up to \$1500 for the project.

Adjournment – 7:50 PM

Next meeting – November 15, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

**Judy O'Connell
Secretary**