

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

Call to Order at 7:00 PM

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Frank Goodhart, Nick Fetchko, Jim Baldassare

Public Comments:

- none.

Previous Month's Minutes

- will be done at January meeting, Judy brought the wrong minutes!

Bills/Correspondence

- Highland Hills Master Association asked if we'd heard anything about available Federal Funds for Ash Tree removal (we haven't).

Arbor Day / Charter Day

- Next Charter Day will be May 18, 2024

Education Report

- Al will attend a Tree seminar in January.
- Randy will attend a Chestnut talk on 12/15.
- Randy reported we have more than enough CEU's for 2023.

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings

- Tom reported tree removals by our Contractor is finished for 2023.

Old Business

- The Invasive Species Act has not yet been approved by the NJ State Assembly, was sent back to Committee; Randy is hopeful that it will be approved early in 2024 – it will prohibit sale of certain trees/shrubs/plants in NJ.

New Business

- We will bid farewell to Cindy – she will be missed!

Adjournment – 7:30 PM

Next meeting – January 10, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

**Judy O'Connell
Secretary**