

Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission
February 10, 2021

Hybrid Meeting = Owen Conference Room (OC) and Zoom (Z)

Call to Order at 7:30 PM (late start due to miscommunication with Zoom start up)

Roll Call:

OC: Randy Santoro, Jack Gray, Gregory Axt, Al Werner.

Z: Cindy Aiken, Kate Creegan, Linda Sims, Scott Kessel.

Absent: Frank Goodhart, Ryan Wallace, Jim Baldassare

Previous Month's Minutes

- Approved

Bills/Correspondence

- Invoice for Shade Tree Federation membership – paid 2/9.
- Email from Korie Caruso, PTO Member from Liberty Corner school; would like a tree planted for Earth Day / Arbor Day. Waiting for OK from Dr. Oliver.
- Email from Miranda Ladrieri, Community Manager from Jackson Village – looking for suggestions on trees to replace their Ash trees. (Al reached out to her to discuss)

Arbor Day

- We hope to participate in the Tree Recovery Plan – will request 200 trees and Randy will coordinate with the EEC.

Charter Day

- Not aware of any 2021 decision yet.

Education Report

- Randy attended Tree City USA virtual conference (part 1 of 3); professor said tree diversification is important and recommends no more than 5% of any one kind.
- Randy suggested starting to plan for the Tree Inventory for inclusion in next 5 Year Plan.

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings

- No updated due to snow work throughout the township.
- Planting of the “donation tree” will take place in the spring.

New Business

- The Annual Report and Tree City USA submission will be on the 2/23 Township Committee agenda for approval.
- Commissioners Zones were assigned:
 - o 1 Cindy
 - o 2 Randy, Kate
 - o 3 Randy, Linda

- 4 Jack, Scott
- 5 Al
- 6 Jack
- 7 Frank
- 8 Greg

Old Business

- Need to review goals from current 5 Year Plan.

Adjournment – 8:30 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, March 10 – Owen Conference Room and Zoom at 7:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy O’Connell
Secretary