

# **Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission**

## **December 15, 2021**

**Call to Order** at 7:15 PM (Started with Holiday Goodies – thanks all!)

### **Roll Call:**

**Present:** Randy Santoro, Frank Goodhart, Cindy Aiken, Gregory Axt, Tom Nicoletti, Jack Gray, Al Werner

**Absent:** Linda Sims, Kate Creegan, Scott Kessel, Jim Baldassare.

### **Public Meeting Statement**

- Not read

### **Public Comments**

- none

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

- Approved

### **Bills/Correspondence**

- Email Greg Formica (Jefferson Village at Spring Ridge) asking about permit for removing trees – directed him to Engineering.

### **Arbor Day**

- No updates

### **Charter Day**

- Looking forward for 2022!

### **Education Report**

- Shade Tree Federation status report – all credits have been entered, please send Cindy volunteer hours.
- Frank talked about a seminar from the Conifer Society that he felt was very informative.

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

- Windshield survey complete for zones 7 & 8; Jack and Randy went with DPW supervisor.
- Giant tulip trees on old Army Road still need removal by contractor.
- 2 large trees at Evergreen Cemetery (Washington Ave) were removed
- Discussed fall plantings – will wait until Spring, hopefully Recreation / Grounds will need a utility markout.
- Greg and Randy attended the Volunteer Recognition dinner and enjoyed it.

### **Old Business**

- none

## **New Business**

- Randy discussed January Meeting – we will hold officer elections, then discuss Annual Report and Tree City USA application.
- Commissioners Zones:
  - o 1 Cindy
  - o 2 Randy, Kate
  - o 3 Randy, Linda
  - o 4 Jack, Scott
  - o 5 Al
  - o 6 Jack
  - o 7 Frank
  - o 8 Greg

Adjournment – 7:51 PM

Next meeting – January 12, 2022

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Judy O’Connell**  
**Secretary**