

# **Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission**

## **March 14, 2018**

### **Call to Order**

Called to order at 7:40 PM

### **Roll Call**

Present: Randy Santoro, Al Werner, Cindy Aiken, Fred Burgerhoff, Mike Zaidel, Linda Sims, Jack Gray.

Absent: Derek Asay, Frank Goodhart, Jim Ferratti, John Malay.

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

- Approved.

### **Bills/Correspondence**

- Reminder from Denise about no correspondence / applications, etc to be sent without prior Township Committee approval.
- Discussed disposition of Jack's letter that was mentioned at the 2/14 meeting – contents were passed along to the Zoning Officer and Public Works for resolution – involved tree on Rock Ridge Ct.

### **Education Report**

- Invasive Species Strike Team seminar – April 11 at Duke Farms.
- Al attended the Garden State Tree Conference in Atlantic City – he is now a Licensed Tree Expert.

### **Charter Day / Arbor Day**

- Fred has heard back from 3 schools for Arbor Day (will decide which volunteers will attend which event.
- Approved up to \$150 for seedlings to be distributed at the schools.
- Judy will do the resolution of Proclamation of Arbor Day – April 27.
- Charter Day is May 19 – Jack and Al discussed having a quiz – well received in past years.

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

- Kudo's to DPW for Tree removals and Storm Management.
- Randy discussed the "Golf Course project" with Jen Gander – approved up to \$3000 for trees at the Golf Course.
- would also like to plant at Mountain Park.

### **Old Business**

- 5 Year plan, Accomplishment Report and Tree City USA Applications have been submitted.
- Another piece of the Tree City USA is a "Growth Award" – looks very involved, for plantings – do we want to apply? Very short deadline.
- An Emerald Ash Borer discussion will be at the Bernardsville Library on April 24.
- Mike asked about the \$25,000 grant we received for the Pleasant Valley Park project (tree

removals) – do we need to let the State know status of the removals – shall we set a goal for 2018 removals? (question for Jim!)

### **New Business / Member Comments**

- Randy discussed email with 3 potential Grant opportunities –
  - o Tree Planting / Reforestation (can we use for PVP?)
  - o Planning / Tree Inventory
  - o Planting \$30,000

### **Public Comments**

- none.

### **Zone Assignments:**

1 – Cindy/Derek	5 – Al / Mike
2 – Fred	6 - Jack
3 – Randy / Linda	7 – Frank / Fred
4 –Al / Jack	8 – Randy / Mike

Adjournment – 9:30 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, April 11, 2018 – 7:30 PM

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Judy O’Connell - Secretary**