

Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission
April 11, 2018

Call to Order

Called to order at 7:30 PM

Roll Call

Present: Randy Santoro, Al Werner, Cindy Aiken, Fred Burgerhoff, Mike Zaidel, Linda Sims, Jack Gray, Derek Asay, Frank Goodhart, John Malay.

Absent: Jim Ferratti

Previous Month's Minutes

- Approved.

Bills/Correspondence

- Terri Laird from Optum (local company) – volunteers from her company would like to plant saplings for Arbor Day. She will provide the necessary Insurance and Hold Harmless forms; DPW will determine where the plantings can be done, Jim will contact Randy with details – Shade Tree members (if available) will attend.
- The Five Year Plan has been approved
- Tree City USA for 2017 has been awarded – official notification (stickers, banner, etc) will be delivered shortly.
- Purchase Order for Invasive Species sent; Purchase Order for Fred for seedlings / laminations approved / signed by Randy.
- Representative from Verizon inquired about Township Earth Day events.
- Paul Duffy on Rankin Ave sent letter about his damaged sidewalk and tree stump – forwarded to Engineering. (Judy spoke with him, he understood).

Education Report

- Linda and Randy attended a native plantings seminar at the Bernardsville Library on 4/9.
- Randy, Al, Frank and Jack attended the Invasive Species seminar at Duke Farms 4/11 – felt it was worthwhile. It was very well attended, all will receive CEU credits.

Charter Day / Arbor Day

- Fred arranged for Arbor Day activities at 3 Township Schools. John will pick up Arbor Day / Tree City USA banners from Judy.
- Fred purchased seedlings (State Nursery was sold out!), he will deliver to the schools
- Randy and Al are also helping distribute trees at the Environmental Center.
- For Charter Day – volunteers are needed for set up and break down.

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings

- Storm clean up continues!
- Need to check with Jim about the Gazebo trees.
- Fred has been in contact with Back to Nature about the replacement tree for our 5,000 tree at Pleasant Valley Pool.
- Randy said the “baby” White Oak at the Presbyterian Church is doing well.

Old Business

- We will not pursue the “Planting Grant” this year.
- Reminder about the 4/24 program at the Bernardsville Library about Emerald Ash Borer and other pests.

New Business / Member Comments

- Jack will contact Jen about picking buds off Aurelia (sp?) bushes in the Parks (secretary’s note – Jen said go right ahead)

Public Comments

- none.

Zone Assignments:

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

Adjournment – 8:55 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, May 16, 2018 – 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy O’Connell - Secretary