

Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission

September 12, 2018

Call to Order

Called to order at 7:30 PM

Roll Call

Present: Al Werner, Fred Burgerhoff, Mike Zaidel, Randy Santoro, Derek Asay, Jack Gray, Cindy Aiken, Frank Goodhart, Ryan Wallace, Jorge Casacuberta

Absent: Linda Sims, John Malay

Previous Month's Minutes

- Approved.

Introductions

- Introduced Ryan to group, Jorge explained the liaison position. Each member introduced themselves and their interest / expertise in trees.

Bills/Correspondence

- No bills.
- Question (in email) about a flowering tree (Judy will respond); another question about an insect infestation (also email, Judy will respond).
- Correspondence from the Mayor – the Rotary Club would like to donate / plant an Oak tree at town hall.
- Discussed the large dead tree on Stonehouse – Jorge said Jim Ferratti had contacted the homeowner, he would reach out again.

Education Report

- Cindy and Linda attended a forestry presentation at the Bernardsville Library.
- Judy will continue to send notifications about webinars – can usually view them after the initial presentation, but cannot get the CEUs unless viewing the “live” version.
- October 18-19 Shade Tree Federation conference.

Charter Day / Arbor Day

- No updates.

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings

- Ryan discussed the prunings near St. Mark's and the Library; as well as numerous removals around town.
- Randy will send Judy the windshield survey list to be shared with Jorge and Ryan.
- Discussed fall plantings in Mountain Park, Jorge will reach out to Jen Gander for her thoughts. Group voted to spend up to \$6,000 – looking to plant in October / November.

Old Business

- Jack shaped a piece of the Great Oak tree to be used for a gavel stand in the Warren Craft room – Randy will have it engraved. Plan is to present to TC in November or December.

- There is a “specimen Ash” tree at PVP that we might want to invest in saving – Jorge will talk to the contractor about treatments / estimates, etc.

New Business / Member Comments

- Members wanting to attend the Shade Tree Federation Annual meeting should let Judy know by October 1. So far: Al – both days; Frank – Thursday, Cindy & Fred Friday.

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 – 9:10 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, October 10, 2018 – 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy O’Connell - Secretary