

Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission

February 13, 2019

Call to Order

Called to order at 7:30 PM

Roll Call

Present: Mike Zaidel, Jack Gray, Frank Goodhart, Linda Sims, Randy Santoro, Derek Asay, Ryan Wallace, Cindy Aiken

Absent: Al Werner, Fred Burgerhoff, Jim Baldassare

Previous Month's Minutes

- Approved.

Bills/Correspondence

- Invoice for 2019 NJ Shade Tree Federation membership (\$145.00).
- Tree City USA application (online) – will have TC approval following 2/12 meeting.

Education Report

- Voted to spend up to \$500 for members to attend the March 27 Invasive Species Strike Team event at Duke Farms (Al, Jack, Frank and Linda will attend).

Charter Day / Arbor Day

- Randy filled out the application, Judy will deliver.
- Arbor day is April 26, Fred sent emails to Township schools, WAMS will not be able to participate due to standardized testing that day.
- Randy mentioned the 'bare root trees' being handed out at the Environmental Center on Friday/Saturday that week.

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings

- Ryan gave an update – more Ash trees have been removed from PVP, Mountain Park and Rebel Hill. Our DPW folks have been pruning trees around town, the Moosewood contractor has had surgery, should be back soon.
- New Grounds Foreman starts Monday and will be doing some work at Mountain Park.
- Randy asked Ryan to take a look at a low hanging branch on Maple Av.

Old Business

- Tree City USA and Application were approved by the Township Committee, Randy will submit online.
- The Planning Board is starting to look at the Master Plan for 2020 – Mike will keep us updated and let them know Jack is willing to help.
- Timeline for our 5 Year Plan – perhaps a Fall planting at Pleasant Valley Park.

New Business / Member Comments

- Randy received an email from Bernardsville Shade Tree Committee about their downtown revitalization – they wanted to know if we had any suggestions. Our group recognizes their difficulty with no street trees or near street green space – perhaps large planters would be appropriate.

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 – 8:50 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, March 13, 2019 – 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy O’Connell - Secretary