

# **Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission**

**March 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, Cindy Aiken, Al Werner, Fred Burgerhoff, Jim Baldassare

Absent: Ryan Wallace

## **Previous Month's Minutes**

- Approved.

## **Bills/Correspondence**

- Invasive Species Seminar (\$400)
- NJ Forest Service – tube seedlings for Arbor Day (\$175)
- Great Swamp Greenhouse – spring planting (\$5811.75)
- Randy heard from Ed English (Bernardsville Shade Tree Committee) – see Old Business

## **Education Report**

- Randy, Linda and Frank attended conference at RVCC – Northern Jersey Forestry). Speakers from RVCC, Rutgers, NJ Forestry Department and Duke Farms – all felt it was worthwhile (and free!).
- Al will get CEU credits from the March 5-6 Arborist Conference
- There will be a talk at the Environmental Center on 3/14 for Stopping Invasives.

## **Charter Day / Arbor Day**

- Arbor Day (April 26) -- Seedlings will be delivered to Fred – all elementary schools will participate (William Annin has standardized testing that day).
- Al will pick up the “Tree Recovery Program” trees for the EEC – Friday and Saturday distribution.
- Charter Day (May 18) – our registration form is in, Al would like to do a quiz again and discuss Spotted Lantern Fly and “Right Tree / Right Place”.

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

- Ryan shared updates via email.
- Pete Lagola (Engineering Dept) contacted Al about removing several trees at 340 S Finley Av – Al recommended removal.
- Randy talked about the trees near Dewy Meadow (on King George Rd) that we planted several years ago – might need some care.

## **Old Business**

- Tree Protection Ordinance (August 1968) – Township Committee was questioned in January about the acreage notation – Jim mentioned that the Planning Board will be starting work on the 2020 Master Plan and will seek input. Jack shared some ideas (see paper handouts) – Mike volunteered to write up something for submission to the Planning Board.
- Randy suggested a memo to the Environmental Commission for our ideas on conservation easements.
- Bernardsville Shade Tree Committee (Ed English) would like to meet with some of our members for suggestions about their downtown area.

## **New Business / Member Comments**

- None.

## **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 – 9:10 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, April 10, 2019 – 7:30 PM

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Judy O’Connell - Secretary**