

Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission
July 10, 2019

Call to Order

Called to order at 7:30 PM

Roll Call

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

Absent: Fred Burgerhoff, Jim Baldassare

Previous Month's Minutes

- Approved.

Bills/Correspondence

- No bills
- Paul Damurjian (Planning Board Alternate member) questioning "new" trees at Harry Dunham Park – Mike will draft a response.

Education Report

- Frank went to NJ Landscape Association program – discussed "boxwood blight" – plants cannot be saved, must be destroyed.
- Jack brought an EAB to the meeting (deceased).
- Judy mentioned an employee residing in Somerville has seen Spotted Lantern Flies in her yard.

Charter Day / Arbor Day

- No updates

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings

- Paperwork for our new tree contractor (Harmony Tree Services from Bernardsville) has been received and approved, so they can start working in town.
- JCP&L has a contractor in town working on 3 Phase electric lines at the top of the poles (State Grant).
- Mike asked about the ash trees at PVP – perhaps we could take down the ones near the Cross Country Tracks first. Al asked Ryan to take a look at the ones on Spring Valley Blvd in the Cedars.

Old Business

- No updates

New Business / Member Comments

- Randy suggested cancelling August meeting – all agreed.
- We will discuss a possible Fall planting in September.

Public Comments

- none.

Adjournment – 8:30 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, September 11, 2019 – 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy O'Connell - Secretary