

# **Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission**

## **March 11, 2020**

**Call to Order** at 7:30

**Roll Call Present:** Linda Sims, Jack Gray, Frank Goodhart, Randy Santoro, Cindy Aiken, Kate Creegan, Al Werner, Fred Burgerhoff, Mike Zaidel **Absent:** Jim Baldassare, Ryan Wallace

### **Previous Month's Minutes**

- Approved (with revision to Maple tree on S Finley Ave)

### **Bills/Correspondence**

- none

### **Arbor Day**

- Fred talked to schools, we would bring a small potted tree to Cedar Hill and Oak Street Schools (Arbor Day falls within spring break week).
- Randy had no update on the EEC Trees
- Set budget at \$200 for trees (2-3)

### **Charter Day**

- Randy filled out application and sent to Recreation.
- Discussed Tree Planting brochure – approved up to \$100 for brochures.
- Randy will check with Jen Gander about the proposed “Plant a Tree Workshop” location – discussed having in late September; will publicize at Charter Day.

### **Education Report**

- Invasive Species Conference postponed until October 7.
- Kate would like to attend Core Training – she will register herself and we will reimburse.

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

- Al checked trees at the Municipal complex, couldn't get a very good look, will try again. Jack said he didn't see any obvious spots to plant, but the existing trees look healthy.
- Ryan looked at the Maple tree on S Finley, will have it removed before Charter Day.
- Al looked at Tree Removal permit applications on Cherry Lane – he approved 17 trees to be removed from 111 Cherry lane.
- Jack mentioned a bad tree on Valley / Acken – rotted oak – Randy offered to mention it to Ryan.

### **Old Business**

- No updates from Tree City USA; Randy will send me a list of sign locations.
- Kate will set up a sample handout.
- Frank asked about the article for the Shade Tree Commission page..

### **New Business / Member Comments**

- none.

### **Action Items from 3/11 meeting:**

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- Randy:
  - Will send Judy a list of Tree City USA sign locations
  - Will look at trees in the Municipal parking lot on So Maple Ave
- Kate:
  - Will set up sample handout for Charter Day

Adjournment – 8:45 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, April 15, 2020

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Judy O’Connell - Secretary**