

Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission
Oct 14, 2020
Hybrid Meeting = Owen Conference Room (OC) and Zoom (Z)

Call to Order at 7:30 PM

Roll Call:

OC: Randy Santoro, Al Werner, Ryan Wallace.

Z: Frank Goodhart, Cindy Aiken, Kate Creegan, Linda Sims.

Absent: Jim Baldassare, Judy O'Connell, Jack Gray.

Previous Month's Minutes

- None yet (Judy is off)

Bills/Correspondence

- 4 Commissioners have registered for the Annual NJSTF Conference (\$125 each) including 1 Commissioner registered for the CORE training sessions.

Arbor Day

- none

Charter Day

- Cancelled for 2020.

Education Report

- The 2020 NJ Shade Tree Federation conference is next week. All sessions will be virtual this year.
- The Rutgers Climate Symposium 2020: Public Universities and Transformative Climate Action for A Just Recovery will be held virtually on October 23.
- Randy presented the new library book "A History of Plants in Fifty Fossils" by Paul Kenrick.

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings

- Ryan reported that many street trees in various locations throughout the Township were removed or pruned.
- Funds are sufficient for the DPW crews and our contractor to continue needed work for the rest of this year.
- The county will remove a dead tree on W. Oak near N. Alward.
- Church Street "donation" tree – The Liberty Corner Fire Company is still interested in planting trees, possibly this year.

Old Business

- We have received eight 2019 stickers for the Tree City USA signs.
- Zones 1 and 4 will be surveyed on November 4 this year (as per our 5 Year Plan); Ryan will drive, Randy, Al and Jack will ride, everyone will need a face mask!

New Business / Member Comments

- Parks & Rec received an email from a resident about a Spotted Lantern Fly infestation on a tree at Mountain Park. Possible treatment, egg mass removal and public education efforts were discussed.
- Cindy suggested supplying tree information kits for the schools to incorporate in classroom activities.
- Thanks again Cindy for setting up the Zoom meeting. We will continue hybrid meetings for the foreseeable future.

Action Items from 10/14 meeting:

- o Randy will contact Chris Hurst of the Liberty Corner Fire Company about planting trees.
- o Commissioners attending the NJ Shade Tree Federation annual conference should take notes and then summarize informative sessions at our next STC meeting.

Adjournment – 8:20 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, November 11 – Owen Conference Room and Zoom

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Santoro