

Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission

September 15, 2021

Call to Order at 7:00 PM

Roll Call:

Present: Randy Santoro, Al Werner, Gregory Axt, Linda Sims, Scott Kessel, Frank Goodhart, Jack Gray, Kate Creegan, Jorge Casacuberta.

Absent: Jim Baldassare, Cindy Aiken.

Public Meeting Statement

- Not read

Public Comments

- none

Previous Month's Minutes

- Approved

Bills/Correspondence

- none.

Arbor Day

- No updates

Charter Day

- Looking forward for 2022!

Education Report

- Scott signed up for Core Training, Greg will too. (online this year).
- Shade Tree Federation Conference will be October 21 & 22 in Cherry Hill – Al plans to attend for 2 days, Randy for 1.
- Invasive Species Conference will be October 13 at Duke Farms. Randy, Jack, Al, Scott and Greg approved to attend at \$90.00 each.

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings

- Jorge discussed the list completed or in progress by our Contractor; he talked about the recent storm damage to trees. He still has a list of about 20 trees to be pruned/removed, including work at the War Memorial Field.
- Discussed Tree of Heaven and Spotted Lantern Fly – probably too late for treatments now, will revisit in the Spring – will keep encouraging public to stomp on them and destroy the egg sacks.
- Jorge's crew will be able to plant 4-5 Evergreens at Mountain Park – Jen and Grounds Crew Foreman have indicated where to plant. Group approved up to \$2,000 for the project.
- Jorge will participate in the next Windshield survey – November/December.

Old Business

- See above.

New Business

- none.
- Commissioners Zones:
 - o 1 Cindy
 - o 2 Randy, Kate
 - o 3 Randy, Linda
 - o 4 Jack, Scott
 - o 5 Al
 - o 6 Jack
 - o 7 Frank
 - o 8 Greg

Adjournment – 7:50 PM

Next meeting – October 13, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy O’Connell
Secretary