

**Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission Minutes**  
**October 15, 2008 7:15 PM**  
**Town Hall Conference Room**

- 1. Call to Order**
  - The meeting was called to order by Randy at 7:15 PM.
- 2. Roll Call**

Present: Randy Santoro, Mark Harabedian, Dave Ferratti, Fred Burgerhoff, Jack Gray, Scott Spitzer, Judy O'Connell. Absent: Charlie Cunion, Terri Laird, Chris McManemin.
- 3. Minutes from September**
  - Reviewed and accepted.
- 4. Bills/Purchase Orders**
  - NJ Shade Tree Federation (for Core training and seminar)
  - White flags for staking new tree locations.
- 5. Correspondence**
  - NJ Community Stewardship information to Mark.
- 6. Grant Report (Green Communities)**
  - No update.
- 7. Charter Day (May 17)**
  - No update.
- 8. Arbor Day (April 26)**
  - No update.
- 9. Education Report**
  - October 24-26 Core Training. Fred will attend for 2 days (Core training and seminars), Terri and Randy will be attending for 1 day.
  - Members will also attend classes at Rutgers this winter, we will have enough CEU credits to qualify for the grant requirements.
- 10. New Tree Plantings**
  - we moved to accept Parker Landscaping bid for 2008 fall planting.
  - Judy will create PO and send to Parker.
  - Randy, Fred and Jack will stake out tree sites this weekend.
  - discussed problem with trees being planted in Town Center – ground too compacted, decorative pavers, locations difficult to reach – all will be reviewed this weekend.
- 11. Tree Removals/Prunings**
  - several trees near William Annin Middle School may need to be replaced.
  - Dave F. will have the “Ginny Haas” memorial tree at Town Hall removed in preparation for replacement.
  - Also discussed a few trees at Berkeley Circle that might be considered for replacement.

**12. Updated Community Forestry Plan**

- Randy attended the Planning Board's Master Plan meeting and supplied them with a copy of our 5 Year Plan.
- (Secretary's Note: on Thursday, October 16, I received notice that our submitted 5 Year Plan has been approved by the State).

**13. Budget**

- agreed that Mark will update the Budget requisition spreadsheets based on tonight's discussion and Judy will submit to Township Treasurer.

**14. Subcommittees**

- no updates about the Jackson law suit, Mark will keep this on his radar.

**15. Old Business**

- K&J Landscapers' trees at Paws Park need to be replaced – hopefully will be taken care of soon.
- Jack will remove the snow fencing around the trees in Paws Park and replace with the Deer Guards.
- Jack has compiled an “approved tree list” – Judy will type it and post to our website and send to Chuck Drews in Engineering.
- Randy will contact possible alternates to attend future meetings. (we would like to have 2 alternates appointed in the Township Committee's January reorganization meeting).
- Charlie manned our table at the Sept 27 “Go Green” day and felt it was a positive experience, in spite of the weather.

**16. New Business**

- Tree City USA application needs Mayor Carpenter's signature.
- Agreed to allocate \$2000 for Township plantings (project is under Dave F's direction).

**15. Next Meeting:** November 12, 2008 at 7:15.

**15. Adjournment**

8:25 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Judy O'Connell  
Secretary**