

**Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission Minutes**  
**January 13, 2010 7:30 PM**  
**Town Hall Conference Room**

- 1. Call to Order**
  - Due to the expiration of the 2009 Officer terms, Judy O'Connell called the meeting to order at 7:35.
- 2. Roll Call**

Present: Mark Harabedian, Jack Gray, Terri Laird, Randy Santoro, Michael Viola, Dave Ferratti, Judy O'Connell, Carolyn Gaziano, Charlie Cunion, Chris McManemin, Jonathan Vidler. Absent: Fred Burgerhoff.
- 3. 2010 Commission Appointments**
  - Mark Harabedian was reappointed for another 5 year term.
- 4. Election of Officers for 2010**
  - Randy was elected Chairperson, Mark as Vice Chairperson. Judy then turned the meeting over to Randy.
- 5. Public Comment**
  - The Eagle Scout candidate and his Mother were present, to inform the Commission of the scope of the Haas Road planting project. They also thanked the Commission for the support with this Eagle Scout project.
- 6. Previous Meeting Minutes**
  - Reviewed and accepted as amended.
- 7. Bills/Purchase Orders**
  - Nothing to report.
- 8. Correspondence**
  - The Annual Report was submitted to the Town Clerk for Township Resolution.
  - A NJ Native Plant listing was emailed to STC by Environmental Commission. A discussion on removing Ash from the listing was thought to be pre-mature. Jack was going to determine if he could attend the next Environmental Commission meeting to discuss diversity of plantings with members.
- 9. Grant Report**
  - No word yet from the State on the Stimulus Fund Grant request for Cascade Tree Services – pruning and trimming.
  - The Annual Accomplishment Report was completed and needs the Mayor's signature. Judy will obtain and submit to State prior to the 2/15/10 deadline.
- 10. Charter Day (May 2010)**
  - Chris will be the coordinator this event again for the Commission. Chris will find out if we can get an end spot so we will have room for the give-away trees. The Eagle Scout

will also have a visual presentation display of his project at our booth. Jack will coordinate the theme of Bio-diversity to residents. He will also coordinate the distribution to residents of surplus trees from the Eagle Scout project.

- 11. Arbor Day (April)**
  - DPW has identified the location for the Liberty Elm to be planted at the Sons of Liberty Farm. The elm has been ordered. DPW will locate a rock for the plaque to be mounted.
- 12. 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**
  - Kick off was on January 4, 2010. The website was updated with schedule for the next six months.
- 13. Education Report**
  - Randy will replace some of the tree identification signs around town (about \$7 each) Randy will send Judy a map to include on our website. (held over from November)
- 14. New Tree Plantings / Recent Tree Plantings**
  - Dave will review Southard Park for possible tree plantings.
  - Fred, Jack and Mike have once again volunteered to head up Phase II of the Ridge High School planting project. Jack will review site and determine species (14-15 trees) to plant. He will submit list to Dave and STC for PO approval/submission. Fred and Mike will coordinate plantings with School Administrators, hopefully by second week of April.
  - Jack will review Valley Road for possible plantings of small trees under power lines.
- 15. Tree Removals/Prunings**
  - Nothing to report.
- 16. New Business / Member Comments**
  - Jonathan, Mark, Chris and Jack were appointed to the newly formed sub-committee to review STC ordinances. The sub-committee will make recommendations to strengthen the language in the ordinances.
  - Charlie resigned his position, due to other responsibilities with the Parks Commission. We all wished him well and thanked him for his valuable input to the STC over the years.
  - Terri will assume Zone 5, Jonathan will assume Zone 1 and Mike will assume Zone 8.
  - Randy will contact Judy to determine procedures with an official appointment of an Alternate to Member status to fill Charlie's position.
  - Mark will contact A. Werner, the CTE in Town, to see if there is any interest in completing the Tap the Talent form, in hopes of joining the Commission.
- 17. Next Meeting:** February 10, 2010 at 7:30.
- 18. Adjournment**

9:20 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Mark Harabedian  
Vice Chair**