

Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission Minutes
February 11, 2010 7:30 PM
Town Hall Conference Room

- 1. Call to Order**
 - Called to order at 7:35; meeting originally scheduled for 2/10 but was moved due to impending snow storm. Notice was made on Township Website 48 hours prior to meeting change.
- 2. Roll Call**

Present: Fred Burgerhoff , Mark Harabedian, Jack Gray, Randy Santoro, Michael Viola, Chris McManemin, Jonathan Vidler. Absent: Dave Ferratti, Carolyn Gaziano, Terri Laird
- 3. Minutes from January**
 - Approved with minor correction; (thanks to Mark for stepping in!).
- 4. Public Comment**
 - None.
- 5. Bills/Purchase Orders**
 - None.
- 6. Correspondence**
 - 2009 Forestry Status / approved.
 - Annual Accomplishment Report was signed by the Mayor and sent to the State.
- 7. Grant Report**
 - Stimulus Fund Grant was approved; need to have Township Committee resolution to accept the award; also need to provide State with additional forms (Lobbying; Business Selection Certificate).
- 8. Charter Day (May 15, 2010)**
 - we will have a 10' by 10 booth
 - our Eagle Scout will be there to discuss his project
 - we will distribute the "leftover" trees – potted; will publicize on the Township website.
- 9. Arbor Day (April 24)**
 - We applied for the new Tree City USA decals
 - Will hold the Arbor Day Celebration / Liberty Elm dedication at the Sons of Liberty Farm at 10:00. This is coincide with the official opening of the Farm.
- 10. 250th Anniversary**
 - will be included in the Liberty Elm dedication.
- 11. Education Report**
 - Tree Identification map is on the Website; Randy is working on new identification tags for the trees.

12. New Tree Plantings / Recent Tree Plantings

- The Eagle Scout project has been approved by the Boy Scout Association and Engineering.
- Principal Howlett has expressed interest in the Spring planting; Michael, Jack and Fred will meet with him and determine species and locations.
- all commissioners will bring their final requests for Spring planting to the March meeting. Judy will work with Purchasing to obtain quotes.

13. Tree Removals/Prunings

- 4 large Ash trees were removed from Washington Avenue.
- Pruning around the Township will take place once we receive the Stimulus Grant funds (expected early April).

14. Sub Committee Reports

- nothing to report.

15. Old Business

- Charlie Cunion has resigned from the Commission; the Township Committee will appoint a replacement.

16. New Business / Member Comments

- received a tree list from the Environmental Commission – Jack has created a list of trees appropriate for planting under wires – once list is finalized, the Shade Tree Commission, Environmental Commission and Engineering will work from the same list. We will post on the website.
- Discussed the “excused absence” email – all members are expected to attend every meeting.

17. Next Meeting: March 10, 2010 at 7:30.

18. Adjournment

9:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Judy O’Connell
Secretary**