

Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission Minutes

March 10, 2010 7:30 PM

Town Hall Conference Room

1. **Call to order**

- The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm

2. **Roll Call**

- Present: Randy Santoro, Jonathan Vidler, Jack Gray, Terri Laird, Chris McManemin, Michael Viola, Carolyn Gaziano, Dave Ferratti. Absent: Fred Burgerhoff, Mark Harabedian, Judy O'Connell.

3. **Minutes from February**

- Accepted as submitted

4. **Public Comment**

- None

5. **Bills**

- None

6. **Correspondence**

- None

7. **Grant report**

- No update, Mark will work with Judy to initiate a resolution from TC to accept grant funds.

8. **Arbor Day**

- In 2/11 meeting we discussed 5/1 as the Liberty Elm dedication at Sons of Liberty Farm, this was corrected to 4/24 (Saturday).
- Dave requires dimensions of plaque to acquire adequately sized rock as well as prepare for mounting and locating at SLF.
- Target delivery of Liberty Elm to public works by mid April (not later than 4/15).
- Chris will confirm time of tree dedication as well as provide a ceremony outline to the 250th celebration committee.

9. **Charter Day**

- Peter Vogel, Eagle Scout candidate, will be at the STC display to discuss his project with interested residents.
- Jack will have trees to give away as well as develop a poster (materials) for "Biodiversity"
- Chris will organize booth coverage as well as build and take down. Chris has table, tent, new tablecloth and chairs.

10. **Education report**

- Nothing to report

11. **New tree plantings/recent plantings**

- Jack reviewed plan for Haas Rd project
- Trees will be picked up on 3/15, area mark-out will be on 3/20 and the planting will be all day on 4/2 (Good Friday).
- RHS project on track as committed by principal Frank Howlett.
- New planting spreadsheet developed by Fred includes trees for; Woods End, Independence, Van Holten is an open item. Also add 3 trees to Springhouse near Woods End (at WAMS corner). Judy can begin tree procurement process for the 25 trees in Fred's updated spreadsheet.
- Three (3) Hackberry trees will be planted in front of VA.
- Copper Beach in rear of town hall will need to be replaced in the near future.

12. **Tree removal/pruning's**

- DPW removed trees on Berta Place and E. Craig St.
- Dave noted trees on Turner and N. Finley require attention. Dave requested survey from county to determine right of way and then take pertinent action.

13. **Sub Committee reports**

- Nothing to report

14. **Old business**

- Motion posed by Chris and second by Terri to draft a resolution honoring Charlie Cunion's service to the township as a member of the STC. Motion passed unanimously. We'd like to present this to Charlie at our Arbor Day celebration on 4/24.
- STC provided "Specified Shade Street Trees" list was reviewed by Environmental Commission (EC) and is now on file with engineering and planning departments to be provided to all developer's and builders. List is also posted on web site but may need some language clarification as discussed by Terri and Chris.
- EC list has native and non-native trees and plant list provided by Rutgers for use by homeowners. Rutgers recommended prioritizing the list as "preferred" and "less preferred" and EC requested the help of STC to complete prioritization. Jack and Randy will review.

15. **Photo taken (thanks Nathan)**

16. **New business**

- Jack commented that slugs and mites could be controlled with spent coffee grinds and spraying coffee on plants.

17. **Next meeting:** scheduled for 4/14 in the town hall conference room but may need to be moved.

18. **Meeting Adjourned:** 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Viola