

**Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission Minutes**  
**May 12, 2010 7:30 PM**  
**Town Hall Conference Room**

- 1. Call to Order**
  - Called to order at 7:40.
- 2. Roll Call**

Present: Dave Ferratti, Jack Gray, Mark Harabedian, Terri Laird, Chris McManemin, Randy Santoro, Al Petitt, Jonathan Vidler. Absent: Fred Burgerhoff , Carolyn Gaziano, Michael Viola.
- 3. Minutes from April**
  - Approved.
- 4. Public Comment**
  - None.
- 5. Bills/Purchase Orders**
  - invoice for the tree mark outs was received (\$ 11.65).
  - approved purchase of 50 tree guards (for fall).
- 6. Correspondence**
  - Rogers (on behalf of Hills Highlands Assoc) – Allen Rd – probably not ROW but will check.
  - Ho (Wellington) – would like tree replanted, will add to fall list.
  - Lucido (Everson) – may be out of ROW, Dave will request survey, may incl for fall planting, Terri will contact.
  - Congratulations on Tree City USA – 5<sup>th</sup> year!
  - (from DPW) 46 Lexington; Dave didn't see problem, Terri will contact.
  - (from DPW) 11 Forbes Ct – Randy checked; tree old and tired.
  - (from DPW) 165 Woods End – Randy checked; tree slow to leaf out, should be fine.
- 7. Grant Report**
  - Additional attachments signed (by Mayor and CFO) and submitted.
- 8. Charter Day (May 15, 2010)**
  - Chris is in charge of scheduling – volunteers welcome!
  - Eagle Scout Peter Vogel will present his project.
  - We will have seedlings available for residents and pictures of how the trees will look when mature.
- 9. Arbor Day (April 24)**
  - Liberty Elm dedication at the Sons of Liberty Farm – Fred read the plaque, Michael read the poem and Randy read the Arbor Day proclamation. About 70 people attended the dedication.

- 10. Education Report**
  - No updates; Al will attend Core training in October.
- 11. New Tree Plantings / Recent Tree Plantings**
  - all mark outs are complete for the spring plantings.
    - 63 Independence cancelled request for tree.
  - Dave suggested for Fall planting and Spring '11, we consider trees near the walking paths in Mountain Park. Jack will contact Charlie Cunion (Parks & Rec committee) and compile a list of trees.
- 12. Tree Removals/Prunings**
  - Numerous trees need pruning; priority is line of sight and sidewalks.
- 13. Sub Committee Reports**
  - nothing to report.
- 14. Old Business**
  - Randy and Jack attended the Patriot Mews Homeowners association to discuss their tree issues. Many trees were planted too high (due to rock formation in the Hills), over mulched and did not have their burlap sacks and ropes removed.
  - Randy and Jack also went to the home on Meeker Road which recently had a fire – homeowner was concerned about the scorched trees.
- 15. New Business / Member Comments**
  - The Planning Board has received a request to approve the lot at Washington Ave and Ridge Street as a buildable lot. The Planning Board has agreed to include a requirement to “preserve and protect shade trees” on the lot.
- 16. Next Meeting:** June 16, 2010 at 7:30.
- 17. Adjournment**  
9:10 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Judy O'Connell**  
**Secretary**