

Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission Minutes
June 16, 2010 7:30 PM
Town Hall Conference Room

- 1. Call to Order**
 - Called to order at 7:35.
- 2. Roll Call**

Present: Dave Ferratti, Fred Burgerhoff , Jack Gray, Mark Harabedian, Terri Laird, Chris McManemin, Randy Santoro, Al Pettitt, Jonathan Vidler, Michael Viola. Absent: Carolyn Gaziano.
- 3. Minutes from May**
 - Approved.
- 4. Public Comment**
 - None.
- 5. Bills/Purchase Orders**
 - None.
- 6. Correspondence**
 - Lucido (Everson) – requesting update (from May) – tree is out of ROW, Dave spoke to homeowner.
 - 46 Lexington; requesting update (from May) - Dave didn't see problem, Terri will contact.
 - Calgano (33 Jeffrey Ct) wants tree removed, states 5 of 6 previously planted have died; Dave will check; Randy will call.
 - Randy had an email from Diane Corcoran about the WAMS project, Principal will consider and contact Randy if they decide they are interested. (Suggested principal speak with RHS principal about the plantings done at Ridge).
- 7. Grant Report**
 - Received approval to proceed with Cascade Tree Service and Township-wide pruning project.
- 8. Charter Day (May 15, 2010)**
 - very successful event; Peter Vogel presented his project; surplus trees distributed to residents.
 - Jack will conduct the bio-diversity project in 2011.
- 9. Arbor Day**
 - Commissioners were asked to think about events for 2011.
- 10. Education Report**
 - No updates.

11. New Tree Plantings / Recent Tree Plantings

- great job by DPW!
- Fred will compile Fall list from Charter Day requests (he will email to Commission).
- looking at 16-20 trees for Fall plantings.

12. Tree Removals/Prunings

- Dave will check Paws Park for dead trees.
- Sidewalk pruning will be done.
- Tree near Brick Academy pruned.

13. Sub Committee Reports

- nothing to report.

14. Old Business

- Tree ID tags- engraving machine at Summit Arboretum is in need of repair – will receive tags when machine is fixed; purchase order is in place.

15. New Business / Member Comments

- discussed bamboo “fence” at Sky Farm – the bamboo is extremely invasive, Commission concerned that it will invade Sons of Liberty Farm.
- Health Department is very happy with their new tree.
- Michael and Mark will be our representatives to the Township Beautification Committee.

16. Next Meeting: July 14, 2010 at 7:30.

17. Adjournment

8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Judy O’Connell
Secretary**