Call to Order
Called to order at 7:35 PM.

Roll Call
Present: Randy Santoro, Fred Burgerhoff, Frank Goodhart, Al Werner, Jack Gray, Mike Zaidel, Jim Gibson, Dave Ferratti, John Malay Absent: Scott Reynolds.

Minutes from last month
- Approved.

OISCA (Organization for Industrial Spiritual and Cultural Advancement) Update:
- All Township schools will be included in the Fall 2016 plantings of Cherry Trees.
- OISCA will send a delegation to the plantings.
- OISCA requested that the children be included in the plantings – John suggested having most of the plantings complete, but leave 1 in each school for the children’s participation.
- Each school will receive a “Green Wave” certificate, and release forms will be required for children in pictures.

Bills/Correspondence
- Purchase order for Frank’s Arbor Day supplies. ($91.50 total)
- Eric Kane (262 Childs Rd) questioned 2 trees at his residence – not in Township right of way.
- 2015 Tree City USA award letter received – Fred will update the signs around town.
- CSIP Grant paperwork submitted March 22 – we should hear by the end of June if we are awarded a Grant for the Ash tree removals.

Education Report
- NJ Invasive Species discussion at Duke Farms – Al, Fred and Randy attended.
- Jack attended an Emerald Ash Borer seminar at Somerset County – learned the trap needs to be as high as possible in the Ash tree.

Arbor Day / Charter Day
- Resolution proclaiming Arbor Day in Bernards Township was approved by the Township Committee on March 29.
- 4 Township schools are participating in the Arbor Day celebrations, seedlings will be distributed – hope to have coverage from the Bernardsville News.
- 2 Red bud trees have been planted at William Annin Middle School – the 2 tulip trees will be planted when available.
- As part of the NJ State Tree Recovery program bare root trees will be distributed at the Environmental Education Center on 4/29 and 4/30. Al will pickup the trees, Randy, Al, Jack and Frank volunteered to help with distribution.
- Charter Day (May 21) – will finalize plans at the May meeting – volunteers needed!
New Trees / Five in 5
- We are at 91% of goal! 4528 of 5000 trees have been planted in 3 years.
- OISCA project at the Township schools will bring up the total.

Tree Removals/Prunings
- Nelson is continuing work throughout the Township for the power company.
- Randy and Al met with representative from JCP&L about the pruning and discussed “lock out zones” – for pruning/removals near the substations.

Old Business
- EAB Traps will be sent to Fred for installation at Pleasant Valley Park.

New Business / Member Comments
- Mike asked if we have any written “Best Practices” for Landscapers. Judy will research.

Public Comments
- none.

Zone Assignments:

1 – Mike  
2 – Fred  
3 – Randy  
4 – Jim/Al  
5 – Al  
6 - Jack  
7 - Frank  
8 - Scott

Adjournment – 9:45 PM

Next meeting - Wednesday, May 11, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy O’Connell - Secretary