Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission
October 12, 2016  7:30 PM

Call to Order
Called to order at 7:30 PM.

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

Minutes from last month
- Approved

Bills/Correspondence
- We welcomed back our fearless leader Randy!
- Purchase orders for Annual Conference and mark out flags.
- Commission interest for 2017 completed.

Education Report
- Cindy will attend Core Training at the Annual Conference.

New Trees / Five in 5
- We are currently at 4,824 which is 96% of goal. Will reach out to Engineering for information of developer trees.

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings
- PVP “Grant” tree work for removing Ash trees is complete.
- Fall pruning has begun – Randy mentioned 2 trees near the Evergreen Cemetery on West Oak St.
- Discussed spring plantings – would prefer to use Landscapers for entire project (delivery, installation, etc). Plantings will be done only on Township owned properties.

Old Business
- Grant work has been completed.
- OISCA ceremonies were very nice at WAMS and Mt. Prospect – students and teachers participated. Aramark will plant the remaining trees.

New Business / Member Comments
- Jack asked who selects species for the Memorial Tree program – seems that a Norway Maple was recently planted. Judy will check. (Secretary’s note: species are selected by the Grounds department Foreman)

Public Comments
- Bill Emmitt and John Klippel from Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church came to discuss the Oak tree. They are currently dealing with safety issues, but testing has revealed no pathogens or insect infestation. There will be a Celebration of Life of the tree on November 6 – all are invited.
Zone Assignments:
1 – Mike / Cindy  
2 – Fred  
3 – Randy  
4 – Jim/Al  
5 – Al  
6 - Jack  
7 - Frank  
8 - Scott

Adjournment – 8:50 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, November 16, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy O’Connell - Secretary