Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission

March 13, 2019

Call to Order
Called to order at 7:30 PM

Roll Call
Present: Mike Zaidel, Jack Gray, Frank Goodhart, Linda Sims, Randy Santoro, Derek Asay, Cindy Aiken, Al Werner, Fred Burgerhoff, Jim Baldassare
Absent: Ryan Wallace

Previous Month’s Minutes
- Approved.

Bills/Correspondence
- Invasive Species Seminar ($400)
- NJ Forest Service – tube seedlings for Arbor Day ($175)
- Great Swamp Greenhouse – spring planting ($5811.75)
- Randy heard from Ed English (Bernardsville Shade Tree Committee) – see Old Business

Education Report
- Randy, Linda and Frank attended conference at RVCC – Northern Jersey Forestry). Speakers from RVCC, Rutgers, NJ Forestry Department and Duke Farms – all felt it was worthwhile (and free!).
- Al will get CEU credits from the March 5-6 Arborist Conference
- There will be a talk at the Environmental Center on 3/14 for Stopping Invasives.

Charter Day / Arbor Day
- Arbor Day (April 26) -- Seedlings will be delivered to Fred – all elementary schools will participate (William Annin has standardized testing that day).
- Al will pick up the “Tree Recovery Program” trees for the EEC – Friday and Saturday distribution.
- Charter Day (May 18) – our registration form is in, Al would like to do a quiz again and discuss Spotted Lantern Fly and “Right Tree / Right Place”.

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings
- Ryan shared updates via email.
- Pete Lagola (Engineering Dept) contacted Al about removing several trees at 340 S Finley Av – Al recommended removal.
- Randy talked about the trees near Dewy Meadow (on King George Rd) that we planted several years ago – might need some care.
**Old Business**
- Tree Protection Ordinance (August 1968) – Township Committee was questioned in January about the acreage notation – Jim mentioned that the Planning Board will be starting work on the 2020 Master Plan and will seek input. Jack shared some ideas (see paper handouts) – Mike volunteered to write up something for submission to the Planning Board.
- Randy suggested a memo to the Environmental Commission for our ideas on conservation easements.
- Bernardsville Shade Tree Committee (Ed English) would like to meet with some of our members for suggestions about their downtown area.

**New Business / Member Comments**
- None.

**Public Comments**
- None.

**Zone Assignments:**
- 1 – Cindy/Derek
- 2 – Fred
- 3 – Randy / Linda
- 4 – Al / Jack
- 5 – Al / Mike
- 6 – Jack
- 7 – Frank / Fred
- 8 – Randy / Mike

Adjournment – 9:10 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, April 10, 2019 – 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy O’Connell - Secretary