

**Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission**  
**January 11, 2017 7:30 PM**

**Call to Order**

Called to order at 7:30 PM by Secretary.

**Roll Call**

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

**Election of 2017 Officers**

Elected Randy as Chairperson and Fred as Vice-Chair; Al Werner as member of Tree Protection Committee

**Minutes from last month**

- Approved with revision.

**Bills/Correspondence**

- none.

**Education Report**

- will begin tracking CEU credits for 2017.

**New Trees / Five in 5**

- We are looking forward to planting a nice “specimen” White Oak in the Spring at Pleasant Valley Park. Jim and Jen will approve the location. Would like to plant in time for an Arbor Day Celebration.

**Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings**

- Some ash trees on Stone House road have been removed.
- Cindy documented the Windshield Survey and sent to Jim.

**Old Business**

- None (new year!)

**New Business / Member Comments**

- Discussed goals and plans for 2017 – included:
  - o Annual Report
  - o 5 Year Plan “expires” this year, we will need to submit a new plan by March 2018 – will set up a sub committee and start work in early fall – would like to send to the Township Committee by Nov/Dec.
- Annual Report – Mike will make final revisions, I will ask Bruce to review; then submit to Township Committee for 2/14 meeting.

**Public Comments**

- None.

**Zone Assignments:**

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| 1 – Mike / Cindy | 5 – Al    |
| 2 – Fred         | 6 - Jack  |
| 3 – Randy        | 7 - Frank |
| 4 –Al / ??       | 8 - ??    |

Adjournment – 9:05 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, February 15, 2017

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Judy O’Connell - Secretary**