

**Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission**  
**March 15, 2017 6:00 PM**

**Call to Order**

Called to order at 6:00 PM.

**Roll Call**

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

**Minutes from last month**

- Approved.

**Bills/Correspondence**

- Randy signed purchase order for Rios' Engraving for the Five in 5 program's 5,000 tree's plaque.

**Education Report**

- No updates.

**Arbor Day / Five in 5**

- Arbor Day Five in 5 announcement will be shared throughout the Township – Judy will talk with Jen Gander about getting into the “Friday Folder” at the schools and posters made; and will talk with IT about getting the flyer on the Township website and TV stations.
- Back to Nature will supply 40 small trees for handouts at the Dedication.
- Randy will order 100 seedlings for the Environmental Education Center Friday event and will bring any leftovers to our Saturday event.

**Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings**

- Jim reported (via email) that ash trees on Lake Rd have been removed by Nelson for the Power company. Many ash trees have also been removed from Stone House Rd. Fred asked that Commissioners take a look at the Southwest corner of Stone House and Finley for possible plantings.

**Old Business**

- Discussed asking Steve Chisholm for help on the 5 Year Plan – Randy will reach out to him – fee would come from the Green Communities Grant (\$3000) that we are applying for.
- The Great White Oak will be coming down starting April 24 – Randy would like to advertise our April 29 event at the Church House.

**New Business / Member Comments**

- Keith Keiling would like to do another Emerald Ash Borer presentation this year – Randy will pursue with our Library for meeting space.

**Charter Day**

- Jack was approved for up to \$20 for supplies, he will set up but not be in attendance.

## **Public Comments**

- none.

## **Zone Assignments:**

1 – Mike / Cindy

2 – Fred

3 – Randy

4 – Al

5 – Al

6 - Jack

7 - Frank

8 - ??

Adjournment – 7:30 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, April 12, 2017 -- 7:30 PM

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Judy O'Connell - Secretary**