

Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission

April 12, 2017 7:30 PM

Call to Order

Called to order at 7:33 PM.

Roll Call

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

Minutes from last month

- Approved.

Bills/Correspondence

- Purchase Order approved for Jack's Arbor Day expenses; Fred submitted invoice for his Arbor Day expenses.

Education Report

- Al discussed the Invasive Species Seminar – covered more than just tree / plant invasives.
- EAB has been found in New Hampshire.

Arbor Day / Five in 5

- Arbor Day Five in 5 announcement has been shared throughout the Township – it was sent in the school district's "Friday Folder"; and on the Township website and TV stations.
- Our "5000th tree" will be planted by Back to Nature on 4/24 – 4/25; our ceremony will be on Saturday 4/29 at 10:00 AM in Pleasant Valley Park.
- Back to Nature will supply 40 small trees for handouts at the Dedication.
- Randy will have 100 seedlings for the Environmental Education Center Friday event and will bring any leftovers to our Saturday event. He or Al will pick up the seedlings on Thursday in Lake Hiawatha.

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings

- Jim reported ash trees continue to be removed from Lake Road as well as Childs Road. Our contractor (Moosewood) will be starting on our recent windshield survey.
- Jim also requested that we let him know if mulch will be needed for our Arbor Day "5000th tree".
- OISCA trees at William Annin are starting to bloom – Fred will remind the school personnel about watering the trees / filling the gator bags throughout the Spring and Summer.

Old Business

- The Great White Oak will be coming down starting April 24 – Randy will advertise our April 29 event at the Church House.
- Randy reserved a conference room at the Library on May 24 for the EAB presentation. This will be in conjunction with the Bernardsville Shade Tree Commission and Keiling Tree Services.
- Green Communities Grant application was submitted. Randy has not heard from Steve Chisholm about his interest in assisting with our 5 Year Plan.

New Business / Member Comments

- We may need a special meeting for discussion of the 5 Year Plan – we will also appoint a subcommittee – probably at our June meeting.

Charter Day

- Jack prepared bark / leaf pictures for display – some are from Ash trees, some are from “look alike” trees
- We need volunteers for the booth, we will have brochures and EAB information.

Public Comments

- none.

Zone Assignments:

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

Adjournment – 9:10 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, May 10, 2017 – 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy O’Connell - Secretary