

Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission
June 14, 2017 7:30 PM

Call to Order

Called to order at 7:40 PM.

Roll Call

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

Minutes from last month

- Approved.

Bills/Correspondence

- No bills.
- Resident at 33 Meeker Rd requested someone take look at her Sycamore tree.

Education Report

- No updates; Judy will continue to pass along information on classes and webinars as appropriate.

Charter Day

- Fred, Frank, Al, Cindy, Linda and Sam were able to attend and ‘man’ our booth. Information was shared and seedlings were distributed. Many thanks to our volunteers.

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings

- Discussed proposed planting project at Stone House and South Finley; Township would prefer to clean up some of the fallen trees then keep as open space; Fred will request meeting with Pat Monaco.
- Jack shared pictures of 2 ash trees location in Spring Ridge.

Community Forestry Plan Review

- Randy reached out to Carrie Sargent about any updated requirements (specifically any EAB sections). Document on their website has same requirements as last time. No response yet.
- Randy has not heard from Steve Chisholm either about the Consultant role in our plan – he will continue to seek a consultant.
- All members were asked to think about what we would like to include in the plan, as well as accomplishments to include. All members are asked to track hours for the “in kind” portion of the Grant match.
- Started to review the current plan – Mike volunteered to review and update.
- No sub-committee was appointed – will decide if a sub-committee is necessary as the plan review progresses.

Old Business

- EAB seminar was held at the Bernards Township Library on 5/24 – light turnout, but very interesting.

New Business / Member Comments

- Zones need to be reviewed and possibly reassigned – will discuss at July meeting
- Al said the “new” Oak tree is doing well.

Public Comments

- none.

Zone Assignments:

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

Adjournment – 9:45 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, July 12, 2017 – 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy O’Connell - Secretary