

Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission
July 12, 2017 7:30 PM

Call to Order

Called to order at 7:30 PM.

Roll Call

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

Minutes from last month

- Approved.

Bills/Correspondence

- No bills.

Education Report

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

Charter Day / Arbor Day

- No updates.

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings

- Removals at Mine Brook Rd, Mountain Rd, Acken Rd.
- Prunings continue at Pleasant Valley Park.
- Permission was given to resident at Rock Ridge Ct for removal of tree in Conservation easement.

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.
- Randy has heard from Steve Chisholm – he is interested in being our consultant for the 5 Year Plan – assuming we receive the \$3,000 Green Communities State Grant. Randy heard from Carrie Sargent – application looks good, hopefully funds will be released soon.
- Mike has updated (and we reviewed) the first 22 pages – he will send to Randy for formatting issues.
- Mike will begin working on the Year 1 Timeline.
- Jim will talk to Nancy Koederitz in Zoning office about creating a new zone map.
- No sub-committee was appointed – will decide if a sub-committee is necessary as the plan review progresses.

Old Business

- See Community Forestry Plan above.

New Business / Member Comments

- Al mentioned some ailing trees at the Evergreen Cemetery on West Oak St by Washington Ave – Jim has called the County – they will check the area.
- Randy mentioned meeting with Pat Monaco about the corner of Stone House and S Finley Ave – Pat agreed to have it graded and seeded, will also install low growing plants (non invasive species).
- We will discuss plantings at Mountain and Dunham Parks in the fall.
- Voted to cancel August meeting.

Public Comments

- none.

Zone Assignments:

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

Adjournment – 9:15 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, September 13, 2017 – 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy O’Connell - Secretary