

Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission

December 13, 2017

Call to Order

Called to order at 7:35 PM (following Holiday celebration).

Roll Call

Present: Randy Santoro, Cindy Aiken, Al Werner, Frank Goodhart, Fred Burgerhoff, Linda Sims, Jack Gray, Mike Zaidel.

Absent: Jim Ferratti, John Malay.

Minutes from November

- Approved.

Bills/Correspondence

- Approved Purchase order for Fred for lamination – final cost TBD.
- Purchase order for Linda for mileage.
- Green Communities Grant was approved, but discussion about continuing to pursue it (all submitted paperwork has expired).

Education Report

- No updates.

Charter Day / Arbor Day

- No updates.

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings

- Per Jim – tree on Rankin Ave was removed.
- Trees from the Great Swamp Greenhouse have been planted at Mountain Park – all are encouraged to go visit.
- Jim had asked Randy to take a look at 2 maple trees on Washington Ave, Randy felt one should be removed, and the other one pruned in spring.
- 3 red buds were planted at the “Stonehouse” project.
- 20+ trees planted at Mountain Park. Planning 5 for the Gazebo on No. Finley.
- Al reported that the White Oak (the 5,000th tree) at Pleasant Valley Park is dead – Anthony Sblendorio has agreed to replace it in early spring. (Al will contact Anthony).

Community Forestry Plan Review (“Five Year Plan”)

- Need to conduct additional windshield surveys – Jack will take care of Zone 6; Al, Mike and Randy will do Zone 5.
- Plan to send to Township Committee for January approval; Judy will do the Recommendation for TC Action for submittal.

New Business / Member Comments

- Cindy has graciously agreed to handle the Annual Accomplishment Report as well as Tree City USA. (Randy and Fred will assist as needed).

Public Comments

- none.

Zone Assignments:

1 – Mike / Cindy

2 – Fred

3 – Randy / Linda

4 – Al / Jack

5 – Al / Mike

6 - Jack

7 – Frank / Fred

8 -

Adjournment – 8:50 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, January 10, 2018 – 7:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy O’Connell - Secretary