

# **Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission**

## **April 11, 2018**

### **Call to Order**

Called to order at 7:30 PM

### **Roll Call**

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

Absent: Jim Ferratti

### **Previous Month's Minutes**

- Approved.

### **Bills/Correspondence**

- Terri Laird from Optum (local company) – volunteers from her company would like to plant saplings for Arbor Day. She will provide the necessary Insurance and Hold Harmless forms; DPW will determine where the plantings can be done, Jim will contact Randy with details – Shade Tree members (if available) will attend.
- The Five Year Plan has been approved
- Tree City USA for 2017 has been awarded – official notification (stickers, banner, etc) will be delivered shortly.
- Purchase Order for Invasive Species sent; Purchase Order for Fred for seedlings / laminations approved / signed by Randy.
- Representative from Verizon inquired about Township Earth Day events.
- Paul Duffy on Rankin Ave sent letter about his damaged sidewalk and tree stump – forwarded to Engineering. (Judy spoke with him, he understood).

### **Education Report**

- Linda and Randy attended a native plantings seminar at the Bernardsville Library on 4/9.
- Randy, Al, Frank and Jack attended the Invasive Species seminar at Duke Farms 4/11 – felt it was worthwhile. It was very well attended, all will receive CEU credits.

### **Charter Day / Arbor Day**

- Fred arranged for Arbor Day activities at 3 Township Schools. John will pick up Arbor Day / Tree City USA banners from Judy.
- Fred purchased seedlings (State Nursery was sold out!), he will deliver to the schools
- Randy and Al are also helping distribute trees at the Environmental Center.
- For Charter Day – volunteers are needed for set up and break down.

### **Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings**

- Storm clean up continues!
- Need to check with Jim about the Gazebo trees.
- Fred has been in contact with Back to Nature about the replacement tree for our 5,000 tree at Pleasant Valley Pool.
- Randy said the “baby” White Oak at the Presbyterian Church is doing well.

## **Old Business**

- We will not pursue the “Planting Grant” this year.
- Reminder about the 4/24 program at the Bernardsville Library about Emerald Ash Borer and other pests.

## **New Business / Member Comments**

- Jack will contact Jen about picking buds off Aurelia (sp?) bushes in the Parks (secretary’s note – Jen said go right ahead)

## **Public Comments**

- none.

## **Zone Assignments:**

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

Adjournment – 8:55 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, May 16, 2018 – 7:30 PM

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Judy O’Connell - Secretary**