

Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission

July 11, 2018

Call to Order

Called to order at 7:35 PM

Roll Call

Present: Al Werner, Fred Burgerhoff, Mike Zaidel, Linda Sims, Randy Santoro, Derek Asay, Jack Gray, Jim Ferratti, Jorge Casacuberta

Absent: Cindy Aiken, Frank Goodhart, John Malay

Previous Month's Minutes

- Approved.

Bills/Correspondence

- Bill from AM Leonard for tree stakes (\$87.98) – stakes will be kept at DPW.

Education Report

- “Right Tree / Right Place” seminar – free! July 19.

Charter Day / Arbor Day

- No updates.

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings

- Jim reported removals and prunings on Somerville / Mountain Rd / Long Rd.
- Trees along the wall on the So Finley side of Town Hall will be removed and wall repaired.
- Large tree was removed at 69 Washington Ave.
- Fred had sent Jim notes about dead trees in his neighborhood – Jim will check.
- Jorge talked about 7 dead “new” trees at Mountain park – will probably replace in our Fall planting program.
- Fred also talked about the need to keep watering the 3 trees at Stonehouse / Lyons Rd – it looks like the small one is trying to stay alive – Jim will prune and see if that helps.

Old Business

- Jim talked about the 5000th tree at PVP – he said Tom at Back to Nature was very helpful replacing it and they are watering it at least once per day during the hot weather (thank you to Dan Callahan and the Grounds crew).
- Discussed “saving” an Ash tree at Town Hall or PVP – will get quotes on treatment once the tree has been identified.

New Business / Member Comments

- Fall Plantings – discussed replacing the 7 dead “new” trees at Mountain Park and perhaps 30 more to replace Ash trees. Will continue discussion at September meeting.
- Randy spoke with John at the BRPC to see if there was any extra wood from the old oak

suitable for a gavel / stand for the Court Room. Randy/Jack will go pick out and research getting engraved – Judy will check with the Court Administrator to see what the “normal” measurements are. (Secretary’s note – per the Court Administrator – our Judge does not use a gavel).

- Reminder that we have a \$90 credit at Great Swamp Nurseries to use for Fall plantings.
- August meeting is cancelled!

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 – 8:27 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, September 12, 2018 – 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy O’Connell - Secretary