

Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission
November 13, 2019

Call to Order

Called to order at 7:30 PM

Roll Call

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

Absent: Derek Asay, Cindy Aiken, Ryan Wallace, Jim Baldassare

Previous Month's Minutes

- Approved.

Bills/Correspondence

- None

Education Report

- Al enjoyed the Annual Shade Tree Conference, thought it was well attended. They had talks on the Spotted Lantern Fly and Beech Leaf disease. Al will also be attending "Right Tree Right Place" on 12/6 in Cherry Hill.
- Randy attended the Chestnut Foundation event in Pennsylvania – well attended. He spoke about the Chestnut "nursery" in the Great Swamp. No signs of Chestnut blight.

Charter Day / Arbor Day

- No updates

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings

- No updates.
- Jack mentioned his concern about the Ash trees in PVP; recommended that Jack speak with Ryan.
- Dan (?) from the EEC mentioned to Randy that they would like to remove some invasive trees near Lord Stirling and Sherwood.

Old Business

- No suitable spot has been identified on Church Street for tree planting – Jack said there is a row of trees already at the Tennis Courts, really no room for more.
- Fred posted Lantern Fly information on the bulletin board in the lower lobby.
- Mike discussed our memo for Planning Board Master Plan – they will include addressing hazardous trees on private property as well as tree removal permits on land under 3 acres. Discussions will be in 2020.

New Business / Member Comments

- Judy mentioned the Mandatory Harassment training – all members who wish to continue on the Commission must view and return the Certification form to Judy.

Public Comments

- none.

Adjournment – 8:52 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, December 11, 2019 – Holiday Party at 7, regular meeting at 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy O'Connell - Secretary