

**Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission**  
**September 15, 2021**

**Call to Order** at 7:00 PM

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Randy Santoro, Al Werner, Gregory Axt, Linda Sims, Scott Kessel, Frank Goodhart, Jack Gray, Kate Creegan, Jorge Casacuberta.

**Absent:** Jim Baldassare, Cindy Aiken.

**Public Meeting Statement**

- Not read

**Public Comments**

- none

**Previous Month's Minutes**

- Approved

**Bills/Correspondence**

- none.

**Arbor Day**

- No updates

**Charter Day**

- Looking forward for 2022!

**Education Report**

- Scott signed up for Core Training, Greg will too. (online this year).
- Shade Tree Federation Conference will be October 21 & 22 in Cherry Hill – Al plans to attend for 2 days, Randy for 1.
- Invasive Species Conference will be October 13 at Duke Farms. Randy, Jack, Al, Scott and Greg approved to attend at \$90.00 each.

**Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings**

- Jorge discussed the list completed or in progress by our Contractor; he talked about the recent storm damage to trees. He still has a list of about 20 trees to be pruned/removed, including work at the War Memorial Field.
- Discussed Tree of Heaven and Spotted Lantern Fly – probably too late for treatments now, will revisit in the Spring – will keep encouraging public to stomp on them and destroy the egg sacks.
- Jorge's crew will be able to plant 4-5 Evergreens at Mountain Park – Jen and Grounds Crew Foreman have indicated where to plant. Group approved up to \$2,000 for the project.
- Jorge will participate in the next Windshield survey – November/December.

## **Old Business**

- See above.

## **New Business**

- none.
- Commissioners Zones:
  - o 1 Cindy
  - o 2 Randy, Kate
  - o 3 Randy, Linda
  - o 4 Jack, Scott
  - o 5 Al
  - o 6 Jack
  - o 7 Frank
  - o 8 Greg

Adjournment – 7:50 PM  
Next meeting – October 13, 2021

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Judy O’Connell**  
**Secretary**