

Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission
January 11, 2017 7:30 PM

Call to Order

Called to order at 7:30 PM by Secretary.

Roll Call

Present: Fred Burgerhoff, Frank Goodhart, Jack Gray, Al Werner, Mike Zaidel, Randy Santoro, John Malay. Absent: Cindy Aiken, Jim Ferratti.

Election of 2017 Officers

Elected Randy as Chairperson and Fred as Vice-Chair; Al Werner as member of Tree Protection Committee

Minutes from last month

- Approved with revision.

Bills/Correspondence

- none.

Education Report

- will begin tracking CEU credits for 2017.

New Trees / Five in 5

- We are looking forward to planting a nice “specimen” White Oak in the Spring at Pleasant Valley Park. Jim and Jen will approve the location. Would like to plant in time for an Arbor Day Celebration.

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings

- Some ash trees on Stone House road have been removed.
- Cindy documented the Windshield Survey and sent to Jim.

Old Business

- None (new year!)

New Business / Member Comments

- Discussed goals and plans for 2017 – included:
 - o Annual Report
 - o 5 Year Plan “expires” this year, we will need to submit a new plan by March 2018 – will set up a sub committee and start work in early fall – would like to send to the Township Committee by Nov/Dec.
- Annual Report – Mike will make final revisions, I will ask Bruce to review; then submit to Township Committee for 2/14 meeting.

Public Comments

- None.

Zone Assignments:

1 – Mike / Cindy

2 – Fred

3 – Randy

4 – Al / ??

5 – Al

6 - Jack

7 - Frank

8 - ??

Adjournment – 9:05 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, February 15, 2017

Respectfully Submitted,**Judy O’Connell - Secretary**