

Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission
February 15, 2017 7:30 PM

Call to Order

Called to order at 7:30 PM.

Roll Call

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

Minutes from last month

- Approved with revision – we appointed Al Werner to the Tree Protection Committee.

Bills/Correspondence

- Shade Tree Federation - \$145 for 5 members and 2 associate members.

Education Report

- No updates.

New Trees / Five in 5

- Arbor Day celebration 4/29; will celebrate the planting of the 5,000 tree with the White Oak at Pleasant Valley Park.

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings

- Some trees came down with the recent wind storm – Nelson will continue work throughout the town (noted – Nelson is doing work for the power company).
- Ash trees along Stonehouse Rd will be worked on soon.

Old Business

- (Fred): Annual Report and Tree City USA Application has been approved by the Township Committee.
- (Fred): Tree City USA Growth award – looking for volunteer to take it on, he will send out the link to anyone interested.
- (Randy): Goals for the 5 Year Plan will be discussed in March – we would like to apply for the \$3,000 CSIP grant for a consultant to assist with the new Plan.

New Business / Member Comments

- Fred is working with a vendor in Morristown for a nice plaque for the new White Oak Tree. Anthony from Back to Nature attended the meeting – he will supply the tree for a discounted rate and handle the planting in time for 4/29 dedication. He mentioned that we have to get a utility mark out before then.

Charter Day

- Jack was approved for up to \$20 for supplies, he will set up but not be in attendance.

Public Comments

- Jon Klippel gave us an update on the Great White Oak – looking forward to obtaining an offspring of the tree from Union County College.

Zone Assignments:

1 – Mike / Cindy

2 – Fred

3 – Randy

4 – Al / ??

5 – Al

6 - Jack

7 - Frank

8 - ??

Adjournment – 9:30 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, March 15, 2017 -- 6:00 – 7:30 PM!

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy O'Connell - Secretary