

**Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission**  
**September 13, 2017 7:30 PM**

**Call to Order**

Called to order at 7:30 PM.

**Roll Call**

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

**Minutes from July**

- Approved.

**Bills/Correspondence**

- Judy circulated the 2018 Interest sheet.

**Education Report**

- NJ Shade Tree Federation Conference is October 19-20 in Cherry Hill – Al has registered, anyone else interested in attending needs to let Judy know by September 28.

**Charter Day / Arbor Day**

- No updates.

**Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings**

- Suggested park plantings for Fall at Mountain Park and Dunham Park – need to discuss with Jen Gander.
- Group suggested a ‘field trip’ to Mountain Park to see the ash trees near the parking lot and discuss replacements – perhaps every other tree for now.
- DPW is continuing work on the lot near Stonehouse and So. Finley – Pat Monaco has approved 2-3 small trees and bushes. Jim will let us know when the space is ready.
- Our “5,000th” tree is looking ill – DPW will water and add fertilizer spikes in late fall – Back to Nature will replace the tree if necessary.
- Randy mentioned a dead pine tree at Oak Street School – Fred will send an email to Rick at Aramark to check.

**Community Forestry Plan Review**

- Mike has been working on the Plan – cleaned up old references.
- No word yet on the Forestry Grant for a consultant.
- Judy will work on the Organization Chart.

**Old Business**

- See Community Forestry Plan above.

**New Business / Member Comments**

- Voted to spend up to \$6,000 for trees – (secretary’s note: process still subject to Township Purchasing Agent’s requirements).

## **Public Comments**

- none.

## **Zone Assignments:**

1 – Mike / Cindy

2 – Fred

3 – Randy / Linda

4 – Al / Jack

5 – Al / Mike

6 - Jack

7 – Frank / Fred

8 - Sam

Adjournment – 9:25 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, October 11, 2017 – 7:30 PM

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Judy O’Connell - Secretary**