

Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission

January 10, 2018

Call to Order

Called to order at 7:00 PM

Roll Call

Present: Randy Santoro, Al Werner, Frank Goodhart, Linda Sims, Jack Gray, Mike Zaidel, Derek Asay, Jim Ferratti.

Absent: Cindy Aiken, Fred Burgerhoff, John Malay.

Election of 2018 Officers

- Elected Randy Santoro Chairperson and Al Werner Vice-Chairperson
- Selected Al Werner as representative to the Tree Protection Committee
- Also voted to move start time to 7:30

New Member introduction

- Welcomed Derek Asay

Minutes from December

- Approved.

Bills/Correspondence

- None.

Education Report

- Judy will continue to share webinar information as it is received.
- Linda described the Core Training for Derek
- Randy explained the CEU's and training requirements for each year.

Charter Day / Arbor Day

- Randy explained our typical activities to Derek – Charter Day is May 19 this year, Arbor Day last Friday of April which is April 27.

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings

- "Gazebo trees" (at Allen St gazebo) will probably be planted in March.
- Randy mentioned the Pleasant Valley Park "arboretum".
- Discussed next Ash tree removal project – perhaps remove in Spring and plant replacements in Fall.
- Randy shared results of the December windshield survey – Randy, Al and Mike – found 3 trees in Zone 5 to be removed. They also took note of Ash trees.
- Jack had notes on Zone 6, Randy will incorporate into his spreadsheet and send to Jim.

Community Forestry Plan Review (“Five Year Plan”)

- Judy distributed resolution for the Township Committee action, Mike shared cover letter. Randy will make final updates and send to Judy for Township Committee’s action at the January 24 meeting.

New Business / Member Comments

- Cindy has graciously agreed to handle the Annual Accomplishment Report as well as Tree City USA. Looking to submit in February.
- Al spoke with Anthony Sblendorio about “The 5000th tree” – he has agreed to replace it in early spring.

Public Comments

- none.

Zone Assignments:

1 – Cindy/Derek	5 – Al / Mike
2 – Fred	6 - Jack
3 – Randy / Linda	7 – Frank / Fred
4 –Al / Jack	8 – Randy / Mike

Adjournment – 8:25 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, February 14, 2018 – 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy O’Connell - Secretary