

Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission

May 16, 2018

Call to Order

Called to order at 7:34 PM

Roll Call

Present: Randy Santoro, Al Werner, Cindy Aiken, Fred Burgerhoff, Mike Zaidel, Linda Sims, Derek Asay, Frank Goodhart, Jim Ferratti

Absent: Jack Gray, John Malay

Previous Month's Minutes

- Approved with minor correction.

Bills/Correspondence

- Rotary Club's planting will be at Mountain Park.
- Jen Gander will reach out to the VA about the project at the Golf Course to be sure they approve.
- Dead trees - Rankin Av, Woods End, Edward and Cooper Ln are on Jim's radar.
- DPW will repair sidewalk at 47 Rankin and also grind remaining stump.
- Fred submitted bill for Arbor Day supplies.

Education Report

- Randy, Mike, Jack, Frank and Linda attended the EAB and Other Pests seminar of 4/24..

Charter Day / Arbor Day

- Fred, Al, Linda, Frank, and Cindy bagged up seedlings for the Arbor Day school presentations. (Fred's back thanks you all!)
- Optum (Terri Laird, contact) planted 200 trees at Pleasant Valley Park – need to get stakes for marking them so they don't get run over! (Judy will order from AM Leonard). Many thanks to Jim for handling things on the rain date of 5/4.
- Judy gave Randy info packet for Charter Day
- Randy passed around the volunteer signup sheet.
- Judy will type and print "Tree Quiz".

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings

- Storm clean up continues!
- County will remove the tree at So Maple / Lord Stirling.
- Tree removals at Summit and Manor Dr from March 7 storm.
- Tree removed at Kennedy Farmstead – was leaning on Communications wires.
- Tina at Back to Nature has committed to replacing the Tree at PVP this month.
- 1 of the 3 red buds planted at StoneHouse and Lyons is dead – Fred will contact Great Swamp Greenhouse about replacing it.
- "Gazebo Trees" from Halls – dead issue, trees were not picked up, Halls has cancelled our Purchase Order.

Old Business

- Fred let us know that 26 of the 27 OISCA trees have survived and are doing well. (Project from 2016 Arbor Day).

New Business / Member Comments

- Will start planning for Fall plantings at next meeting
- May skip July or August meeting – members should check their calendars.

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 – 8:50 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, June 13, 2018 – 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy O’Connell - Secretary