

Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission
September 11, 2019

Call to Order

Called to order at 7:30 PM

Roll Call

Present: Fred Burgerhoff, Jack Gray, Linda Sims, Ryan Wallace, Frank Goodhart, Randy Santoro, Cindy Aiken, Mike Zaidel, Al Werner

Absent: Derek Asay, Jim Baldassare

Previous Month's Minutes

- Approved.

Bills/Correspondence

- None

Education Report

- Al took webinar about inoculating trees against disease (1 CEU)
- Linda attended seminar – “Right Tree / Right Place” in Old Bridge – informative and well organized.
- Frank shared information from the Garden Conservancy.
- Shade Tree Federation Annual Conference – 10/24-25 in Atlantic City. Al is registered (motion approved to reimburse him up to \$400 for attendance). Anyone else interested in attending should let Judy know by 10/1.

Charter Day / Arbor Day

- No updates

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings

- Removed > 30 trees since July various locations throughout the Township. Our contractor has spent 3 full days at PVP removing Ash trees near the cross country trails. The contractor for JCP&L removed the large dead oak on Stone House.
- Fred reported a dead tree near 20 Rankin Ave, and another on S. Finley near the Realtor's office.

Old Business

- Mike crafted a response to Mr. Damurjian about his comments / concerns of the trees in the Parks.

New Business / Member Comments

- The Township received an anonymous donation for planting “Trees on Church Street”, the problem with it is that we do not plant at private locations, only Township owned properties, and there is no way to contact the donor to discuss. Al, Jack and Ryan will look around Church Street Township properties for possible location.
- Randy received an email from the Environmental Commission Chair about Mountain View development application – do we want to offer an opinion on the tree plan. Mike presented information from the Planning Board, and his understanding of what the developer would like to do. Randy will respond (and copy Judy).
- Any member who does not want to continue in 2020 should let Judy know by 10/1

Public Comments

- none.

Adjournment – 8:50 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, October 16, 2019 – 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy O'Connell - Secretary