

Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission
July 15, 2020
Hybrid Meeting = Warren Craft Meeting Room (WC) and Zoom (Z)

Call to Order at 7:30

Roll Call:

WC: Randy Santoro, Jack Gray

ZOOM: Linda Sims, Frank Goodhart, Cindy Aiken, Kate Creegan, Al Werner.

Absent: Jim Baldassare, Ryan Wallace

Previous Month's Minutes

- Approved (March)

Bills/Correspondence

- Al was paid \$101.04 in April for Tree information brochures (originally planned for Charter Day distribution).
- Randy received inquiry from Kristy McCrea on Monroe about her Ash trees – Jack will take a look.

Arbor Day

- Celebrations were cancelled in 2020, Arbor Day resolution was passed by the Township Committee and is on our web page.

Charter Day

- Cancelled for 2020.

Education Report

- Frank attended a webinar from Morris Arboretum about the Spotted Lantern Fly.
- The NJ Shade Tree Federation conference will be virtual this year; Randy will check on the costs; Kate would like to attend Core Training.
- Jack is looking to collect invasive species that he could pot and use for examples.

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings

- Ryan and Randy looked at trees in various municipal locations – Randy will send ideas to Ryan about the lot on So Maple (near Perrottis).
- Many trees at Town Hall could use pruning, and may be able to plant some new ones.
- Jack sent Ryan pictures of Ash trees on Town Hall complex and Health Department.

Old Business

- No updates from Tree City USA.
- Zones 1 and 4 should be surveyed this year (as per our 5 Year Plan); Ryan will drive (September – October time frame); everyone will need a face mask!

New Business / Member Comments

- Randy asked all members to think about what we can do for the remainder of the year.
- Cindy suggested posting articles on the Web site – Judy will check, we are working on new one.
- Randy gave Fred a cheese board from the Basking Ridge Oak before Fred left for Florida.
- Voted to cancel the August meeting unless something arises.
- Thank you to Cindy for providing the Zoom! We will continue hybrid meetings for the foreseeable future.

Action Items from 7/15 meeting:

- o Everyone was asked to think of ideas for remainder of 2020.

Adjournment – 8:07 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, September 16 – Warren Craft Meeting Room and Zoom

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy O’Connell - Secretary