

Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission

September 16, 2020

Hybrid Meeting = Warren Craft Meeting Room (WC) and Zoom (Z)

Call to Order at 7:30

Roll Call:

WC: Randy Santoro, Jack Gray, A Werner

ZOOM: Linda Sims, Frank Goodhart, Cindy Aiken, Kate Creegan, Ryan Wallace.

Absent: Jim Baldassare

Previous Month's Minutes

- Approved (July – no August meeting)

Bills/Correspondence

- No bills.
- Tree City USA let Judy know that we should have had our letter and stickers by now, waiting to hear from Shannon Hart (our NJ Contact).
- Fred sends his regards.
- Judy shared emails from NJ Forest Service about Oak Wilt and Oak Leaf Miner Fly.
- Please let Judy know by 9/18 if you want to be reappointed for 2021.

Arbor Day

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

Charter Day

- Cancelled for 2020.

Education Report

- Annual Conference will be virtual- members should register and let Judy know (\$125 per Commissioner)
- Strike Team Conference will also be virtual – Randy will attend (\$75 per Commissioner).
- Randy shared information from the book “Trees in Trouble” – a lot of information about western trees and fires. It is by Daniel Mathews and is available at the Township Library.

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings

- Removed trees from Childs, Old Farm, Lake, Cross, Keats, Woods End, Girard
- Removed ash trees from Liberty Corner First Aid Squad building and Sewerage Authority
- Pruning and trimming throughout the Township continues – there was a lot of damage from the August 4 storm

Old Business

- Randy said 6/18 was a “tree give away” at the Environmental Center and Colonial Park – all trees were gone in about 2 hours.

New Business / Member Comments

- We are asked to be conservative in spending for the remainder of the year due to COVID affecting Township revenues.

Adjournment – 8:30 PM

Next meeting – Wednesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy O’Connell - Secretary