

Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission
February 15, 2023

Call to Order at 7:02 PM

Roll Call:

Present: Randy Santoro, Tom Nicoletti, Jack Gray, Kate Creegan, Al Werner
Absent: Frank Goodhart, Gregory Axt, Cindy Aiken, Nick Fetchko, Jim Baldassare

Public Meeting Statement

- Not read

Previous Month's Minutes

- approved

Bills/Correspondence

- Invoice for Randy's Dendrology Course approved (\$40).
- Rose Salaki inquired about attending tonight's meeting, but we still need to discuss possible locations for Spring planting project.

Arbor Day / Charter Day

- Arbor Day – tree give away is available again, Randy sent request form.

Education Report

- Randy stated the Master Ecologist Course which began 2/11 seems good.
- Randy will also attend the Dendrology Course at Duke Farms.
- Al attended a pesticide seminar and will attend the Garden State Tree Conference in early March.

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings

- Update from Tom – Zone 5 work complete, now working in Zone 6, will prune near Winding Lane when schools are closed.

Public Comments

- none.

Old Business

- discussed possible locations for the Spring Tree Planting; Jen Gander does not want more trees at Harry Dunham Park. Kate suggested a piece of Township property near her house by Baltusrol Way.
- The Tree City USA application has been submitted; Annual Report was approved and accepted by the Township Committee at their 2/14 meeting.

New Business

- Jack mentioned the 150 Allen Road project, he would like to suggest certain types of trees to require the Developer to use. Randy suggested speaking with the Township Planner.

Commissioners Zones:

- 1 Cindy
- 2 Randy, Kate
- 3 Randy
- 4 Jack
- 5 Al
- 6 Jack
- 7 Nick
- 8 Greg

Adjournment – 8:00 PM

Next meeting – March 15, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy O’Connell
Secretary