

Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission

June 14, 2023

Call to Order at 7:00 PM

Roll Call:

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

Previous Month's Minutes

- approved

Bills/Correspondence

- Township Engineer asked for membership list of who to contact when residents are seeking advice on what trees to plant (advised Members in monthly meeting reminder).

Arbor Day / Charter Day

- Charter Day was very wet! Thanks to Al, Kate and Cindy for braving the elements!
- Discussed updating posters / literature for next year.
- Tent is now at Randy's.

Education Report

- Randy still taking the Master Ecologist course, mentioned that the trees at Colonial Park's Arboretum have been labeled.

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings

- Tom mentioned the contractor continues working throughout the Township – Fairview, Galloping Hill, PVP, Spring Ridge.
- Randy asked Tom to take a look at tree on So. Alward; Al mentioned Ash tree on Valley Rd (reminder to all Commissioners, if a tree seems to need immediate attention, please email Tom – no need to wait for a meeting!)

Public Comments

- none.

Old Business

- Jack made suggestions to the Tree ordinance sent by Alec McCartney.
- Request from Board of Adjustment about the Sig Allen project to see if we have any tree suggestions. Briefly viewed the large collection of documents provided by Cyndi - the Board Secretary – comments are due to Cyndi for their August 9 meeting. Box of documents are in Judy's office if anyone would like to view them.

New Business

- Randy would like to move the July meeting to July 19, and cancel August meeting.
- Nick has volunteered to create a list of "Recommended Trees" for homeowners to plant – he will email to all members.

Commissioners Zones:

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

Adjournment – 8:07 PM

Next meeting – July 19, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy O’Connell
Secretary