

Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission

March 13, 2024

Call to Order at 7:00 PM

Roll Call:

- Present: Randy Santoro, Al Werner, Gregory Axt, Kate Creegan, AJ Laferrera, Nick Fetchko, Ana Duarte McCarthy
- Absent: Jack Gray, Tom Nicoletti, Madhu Anna

Public Comments:

- none.

Previous Month's Minutes

- approved.

Bills/Correspondence

- Charter Day application approved, will have 2 spots.

Arbor Day / Charter Day

- Randy discussed application for seedlings being rejected, we approved up to \$350 to purchase seedlings / bare root trees for our Arbor Day / Charter Day celebrations.
- Ana mentioned that the Agricultural Committee will be conducting a program on 3/22 with Somerset County.
- AJ volunteered to reach out to Liberty Corner School to see if there is interest in an Arbor Day program.

Education Report

- AJ signed up for Core Training.
- Nick and Al attended the Garden State Tree conference; presentation on Beech disease, Nick mentioned the pruning information.

Tree Removals/Prunings/Plantings

- Judy shared Tom's report.
- Tom had asked Randy about the progress of the PVP project – Al and Jack will check out trees at Great Swamp Nursery and mark out spots at PVP.
- Tom had also asked for help evaluating ash trees that a resident near Highland wants removed. Greg and Al will contact Tom.

Old Business

- Randy sent suggested changes to the Tree Ordinances to Tom Timko.

New Business

- Judy shared original Ordinance from 1933 which established the Shade Tree Commission in Bernards Township.

Adjournment – 8:15 PM

Next meeting – April 10, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy O’Connell
Secretary

Current Zone Assignments:

Randy	3&2
Al	1&5
Greg	8
Kate	2
Nick	7
Jack	4&6
AJ	5
Madhu	1