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Agenda

04/10/2019
03/13/2019
02/13/2019
01/16/2019
2018
2017
2016
2015

Minutes

03/13/2019
02/13/2019
01/16/2019
2018
2017
2016
2015

Documents

Plant a Tree in Six Easy Steps!
2019 Arbor Day Resolution
Tree City USA - 2018
Community Forestry Plan 2018-2022 - Approval Certificate
Community Forestry Plan 2018-2022
Avoid Volcano mulching!

Events

05/15/2019
7:30 PM
Shade Tree Commission Meeting
06/12/2019
7:30 PM
Shade Tree Commission Meeting
07/10/2019
7:30 PM
Shade Tree Commission Meeting
08/14/2019
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Shade Tree Commission Meeting
09/11/2019
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10/16/2019
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Forms



Did You Know That **We Lost 15,000 Trees** in Hurricane Sandy? HOW YOU CAN HELP

Take the Pledge. Plant five trees in your yard over the next 5 years. If five seems like too many, plant whatever you can.

Ask Your Neighbors to Take the Pledge. Share the spirit and help beautify your neighborhood.

Tell Us About Your Tree Planting. Keep the Township informed as we track our progress toward 5,000 new trees in Bernards Township. [Click here to fill out a questionnaire](#) and send us a photo at ShadeTree@bernards.org.

Make a Donation. If adding trees on your own property is not in your plans, make a contribution to support planting on public spaces in Bernards Township. Checks should be payable to "Bernards Township."

Get Involved. Help a civic group working on a public planting project, suggest a public planting project or identify a worthy site. We'd love to hear from you with your ideas and support.

On August 20, 1968, the Bernards Township Committee created the The Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission to aid in protecting and establishing trees throughout the township. The power to regulate the planting and protection of shade trees is contained in N.J.S.A. 40:88-4. The Shade Tree Commission is established in section 2-17. The Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission advises the Township Committee, Planning Board, and Zoning Board on Shade Tree concerns on public property and along public rights-of-way. Currently, tree care management needs are met primarily by outside contractors. The Department of Public Works and Parks and Recreation Crews assist with tree planting and aftercare along with brush cleanup. You can contact the Shade Tree Commission via [email](#)

Mission:

Bernards Township desires to maintain and promote a healthy, safe and sustainable shade tree resource that will physically and aesthetically benefit the community and its residents in the most cost effective manner possible.

Goals & Objectives:

Develop Bernards Township's shade tree resource and introduce a diversity of trees and shrubbery that will provide for long term coverage of public lands, parks and recreation areas.

Establish an ongoing maintenance program for the trees along township rights-of-way and coordinate with county, state and utility company maintenance divisions to ensure that their procedures are compatible with ours.

Inventory tree resources on all local, county and state roads, lands and parks.

Revise tree ordinances as necessary to define responsibility for maintenance, removal and replacement.

Educate the public about trees and their importance to the entire community.

Identify hazardous trees, develop and implement a plan to remediate hazardous tree conditions.

Ensure that the goals of the Community Forestry Management Plan are compatible with the Master Plan and Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Expand the educational opportunities and training for Shade Tree Commission Members and Public Works Employees.

Membership:

Name	Membership	Term Expires
Al Werner	Vice Chair	12/31/2019
Cindy Aiken	Regular	12/31/2022
Derek Asay	Alternate 1	12/31/2022
Frank Goodhart	Regular	12/31/2021
Fred Burgerhoff	Regular	12/31/2020
Jack Gray	Alternate 2	12/31/2022
Jim Baldassare	Township Committee Liaison	12/31/2019
Judy O'Connell	Secretary	12/31/2019
Linda Sims	Regular	12/31/2022
Mike Zaidel	Regular	12/31/2019
Randy Santoro	Chair	12/31/2023
Ryan Wallace	DPW Advisor	12/31/2019

Meeting Schedule:**Additional Information:**

Bernards Township has been named as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry.

[Find out more about what it means to be a Tree City USA.](#)