

**Bradley Beach Planning Board
Regular Meeting Minutes – Meeting Held Via Zoom
Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 6:30 PM**

Meeting is called to order by Chair Psiuk. The Board and the public recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Open public meeting announcement is made by the Board Secretary.

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor Larry Fox, Michael Mulcahy, Alan Gubitosi, Douglas Jung, Robert Mehnert, Kelly Reilly-Ierardi, Arianna Bocco, and William Psiuk

Absent: Marc Rosenthal and Meredith DeMarco

Also Present: Mark Kitrick, Esq. – Attorney to the Board (in for Monica Kowalski, Esq.) and Christine Bell, PP, AICP – Board Planner

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Regular Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2021 – Motion Offered by Chair Psiuk and seconded by Mayor Larry Fox. All eligible members present in favor.

Resolutions to be Memorialized: None.

Applications under consideration: None.

Consistency Determination/Review:

Ordinance No. 2021-13 of the Borough of Bradley Beach Amending Chapter 450: “Zoning” of the Borough’s Revised General Ordinances to provide that all medical cannabis and/or recreational cannabis businesses are deemed prohibited uses within the Borough, introduced at the Borough Council Meeting on April 27, 2021.

Chairman William Psiuk makes a motion to move Ordinance 2021-10 to Council finding that it is consistent with the Master Plan of the Borough of Bradley Beach. Seconded by Douglas Jung. All members present in favor. Mayor Fox and Councilman Gubitosi did not participate as they have been recused from this discussion.

Shade Tree Commission Presentation:

George Heflich – Chair and Larry Bagwell provide a presentation to the Planning Board and request their assistance in implementing rules and regulations for applications presented to the Planning Board.

Chair Psiuk questions reviews and what criteria for removal is used. Mr. Bagwell explains the process and the applications. The challenges in getting the word out to residents is discussed.

Arianna Bocco – questions if an application is required for removal on private property. George Heflich explains that there was a new ordinance last year creating the Commission again as well as regulations to go with it. Applications are new as of July of last year.

Size & Caliper requirements – private & planting strips as well as emergency/safety removals are explained.

Replacement is discussed and the trust fund for future plantings. Stump removal is required. Chair Psiuk asks what the timeframe is for stump removal. The Ordinance is very vague and he proposes a stronger ordinance – such as it must be removed the day of tree removal or at least within 60 days.

Douglas Jung – asks question regarding the Trust Fund. It is indicated it existed for a while and the purpose of the application fees and will be focusing on planting strips. Chair Psiuk asks if we are checking with regard to utilities in the strip area. It is indicated yes.

Chair Psiuk suggests that there are 2 issues on Main Street, one (1) the height of the trees and the blocking of signs and two (2) any conflict with the utilities.

George Heflich indicates there are concerns with Main Street as they are not sure what the master plan is for Main Street with regard to the pavers staying, etc.

Kelly Reilly-Ierardi – Asks if the strip is owned by the Borough and it is impacting the sidewalk is it my responsibility to take care of the tree? Is there a program to help pay for that? It is indicated that yes, it is the homeowners responsibility and the reason being is briefly discussed by Councilman Gubitosi and Mayor Fox.

The Honor-Me program is discussed as well as the Wishing Tree program for trees to be placed in the strip. These programs are in the beginning stages of the process.

The Shade Tree Commission is in the process of applying for a grant for having a Tree Inventory performed. The Ash trees by the lake are diseased – both lakes and 2nd Avenue Park. Overtime they are going to have to be replaced with proper trees.

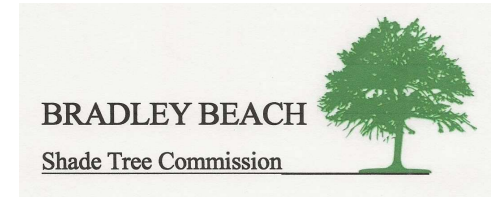
Rich Despina – 600 Third Avenue – expresses he was forced to remove an Oak tree last year as it was leaning toward the house and there was storm damage to others on his property and then the sidewalk which was a huge expense. He is open to receiving trees as he misses them. He does have concern for the expense of replacing sidewalk as not all people can afford to do it. Suggests a program where have of the cost could be covered by the Borough.

Adjournment:

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE OUR REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2021 AT 6:30 PM WHICH WILL TENTATIVELY TAKE PLACE VIA ZOOM. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING WAS OFFERED BY CHAIR PSIUK, MOVED AND SECONDED BY ROBERT MEHNERT, ALL IN FAVOR. MEETING CLOSED AT 7:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Kristie Dickert, Board Secretary

The Bradley Beach Shade Tree Commission



As per ordinance 2021-6 Article 6 24-29:

“To promote and protect the public health, safety, and general welfare by providing for the regulation of the planting, maintenance, and removal of trees, shrubs, and other plants within the Borough of Bradley Beach”

George Heflich, Chair

Summer Deaver, Secretary

Ravi Maruvada

Shana Greenblatt Janoff, Vice Chair

Larry Bagwell

Kim Baker

John Weber, Council Liaison

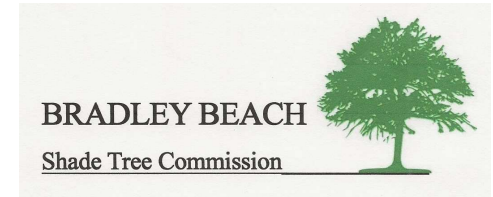
Al Gubitosi, Council Liaison

What do we do?



- Ord. 2021-6 24-29 “Prevention of the indiscriminate or excessive removal of trees and their canopies”
- We review applications for the removal of trees, both in the planting strips and on private property
- We review applications for the planting of trees in the planting strips
- We have reference materials on the [Bradley Beach website](#) to explain the ordinance as well as educational materials for tree care
- We hold events to circulate our goals- ex. Arbor Day

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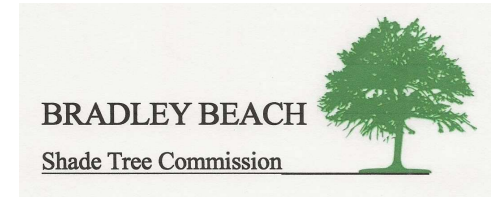
Tree Removal

- An application must be submitted to remove ALL trees on both private property & planting strips (except in case of emergency)
- All healthy tree(s) that are removed must be replaced by a designated number of replacement trees (See Schedule A)
- Larger trees may require more than one replacement tree
- The applicant has the option to instead pay into the Trust Fund for future plantings. The amount is determined by tree size
- A \$50 application fee is required for all tree removal applications
- Dangerous trees/branches may be removed without a permit

Stump Removal

- Stumps in the planting strips must be removed 8-12" below grade and back-filled

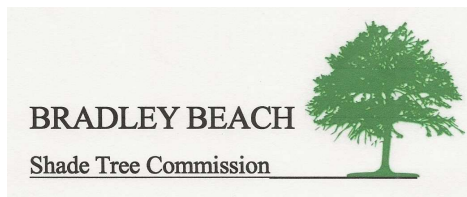
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Tree Planting

- An application must be submitted to plant a tree in the planting strip only, not on private property
- There is no fee required for plantings
- Trees in the planting strip must be from the Approved Tree List. ("Tree Guide" on STC webpage)
This list factors in planting strip widths to minimize future sidewalk/curb damage
- There is a recommended list for private property plantings

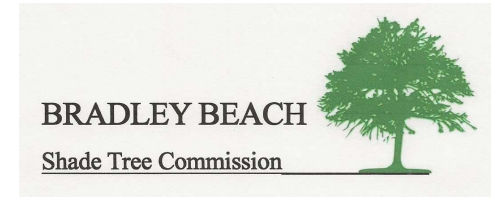
What do we need from you?



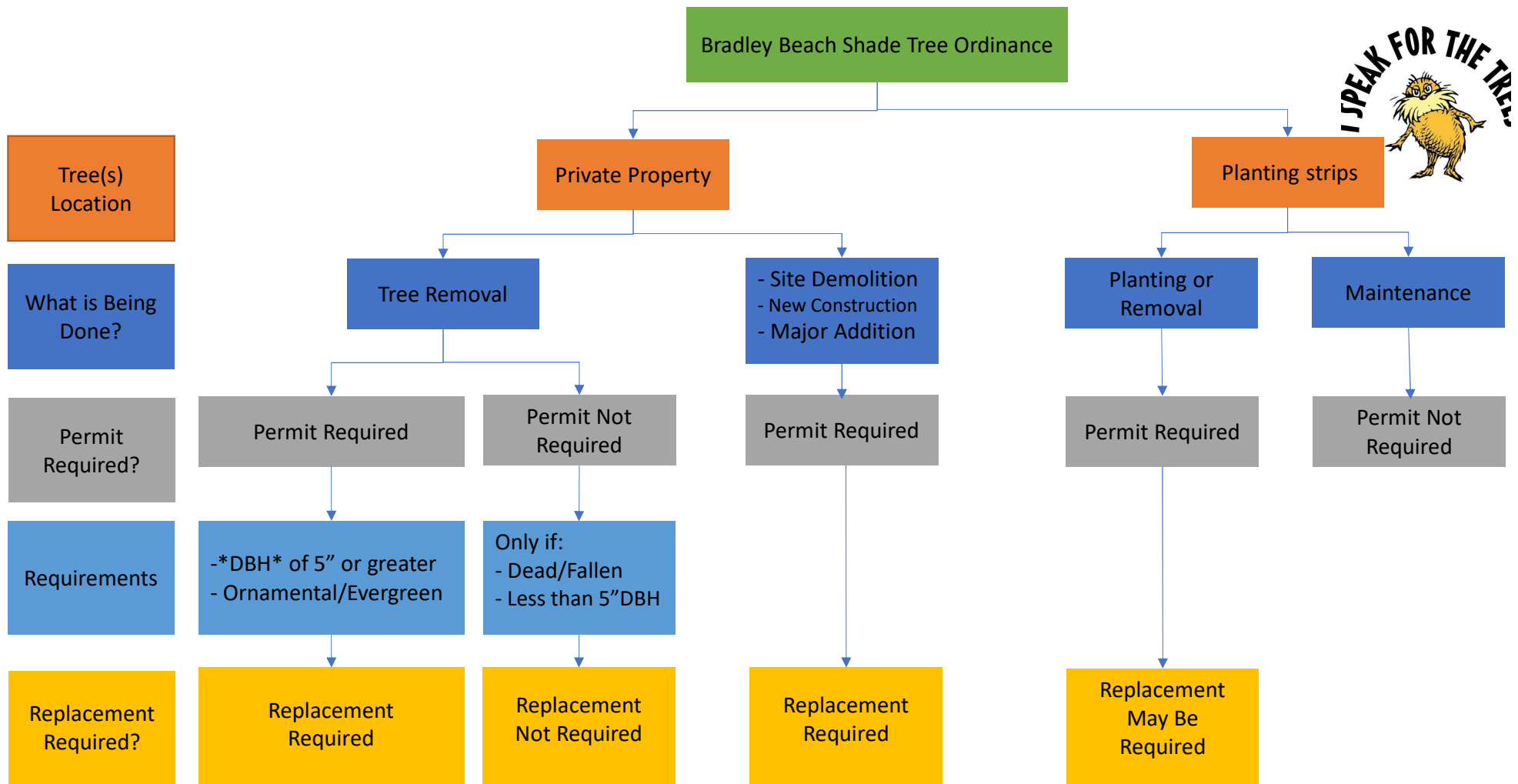
Please ensure that your applicants are:

- Noting the trees to be removed and the planned tree plantings on their board applications
- Separately submitting an application to our commission whenever trees are being removed Ord. 450-21
 - Especially important when lots are being cleared or major additions added
- For new construction, push for the maximum planting of trees, both on the property and in the planting strip.

Also please keep in mind:



- **When a property is being transferred, or a Zoning permit is being applied for:**
 - The planting strip is to be restored to natural grass Ord. 270-25
 - Any sidewalk deflections are to be repaired
 - CO checklist
 - Any existing stumps in the planting strip should be removed



Notes: DBH (Diameter at Breast Height): Diameter at 4 ½' from tree base
See Section A for Tree Replacement Schedule