

Minutes for the BB Shade Tree Commission – March 17th, 2021



1. Call to Order at 7:03 p.m.
2. Roll Call
 - Changes MJ Corkery no longer on the commission
Kimberly Baker is our new alternate
George Heflich, Shana Greenblat, Ravi Madurava, Larry Bagwell, Summer Deaver and Kimberly Baker- Present
3. Ratification of Minutes
 - 3-3-21 Motion made by Shana All in favor
 - Organizations
 - Tree City USA status approved. Flags and plaque are coming.
 - Shana requested to have the logo posted on our website and will request a notice on the electric sign board.
 - 4x6 Tree City USA Flag ordered for use in the borough.
4. Grants
 - CSIP Grant: paid grant for tree inventory. RFP comes out April 1. 60 days to submit. Mr. Brash said \$10-50K will be available based on the size of the municipality and he will guide us with the grant. \$10-12K will be the range of our ask.
 - The William J. Porter Community Tree Project Award- Ravi will submit thoughts in writing
 - Potential proposal:
 - + Plant native plants on 2nd Ave near Ocean Avenue with wildflowers and/or hardy plants appropriate for sea-spray location or use one of existing programs.
 - + Draw on existing objectives to consider for Tree Project Grant
 - + DPW or volunteers to do tree maintenance
5. Applications
 - New
 - 21-009 608 Third Homeowner wants to plant two trees in the planting strip. Trees are within parameters. **Application approved.**
 - 21-010 509 ½ Newark (DBH 23") Sidewalk is coming up. The tree looks alive and healthy. **George will seek recommendation from Mr. Brash next week.** Before they take the tree down, 2 trees will need to be planted or \$1000 based on the health of the tree.
** Al Gubitosi suggested that we might come to the council to see if there are available funds in the budget to cover the repair of the sidewalk. The ordinance says the homeowner is responsible for repairing the sidewalk.

Discussion ensued about not opening a “Pandora’s Box” in providing repairs for some homeowners and not others.

- 21-011 300 Brinley - A Pine tree in the backyard, greater than 31+” diameter, is being requested to be removed. The homeowner is doing landscaping and has volunteered to replace 3 trees. **Ask Mr. Brash if trees can be transplanted.**

Existing

- 20-018 518 Newark - A tree was removed from this property and the owner contributed \$250 to the trust fund.
- Follow-up Protocol - **Ravi and Larry will work on it and present.**

Ravi will research and write up a potential protocol for how we can save and transplant trees.

Ravi and Shana will connect to put google drive on borough email.

6. Phase II-

- Outreach to Borough and Outside Organizations
 - DPW Biagio and Dave Brown are clear on the ordinance and have expressed cooperation. Shana asked if the town has a *disaster plan* in place for downed trees from a storm. Town is responsible for trees that fall in the street. Homeowners are responsible for trees that fall on their property.
Having a tree contractor in place can help in an emergency.
George will reach out to Dave Brown again about this issue.
 - Planning/Zoning Boards - **Larry and George will finalize a presentation and set a time with the planning board.**
 - Zoning Officer : George met with Mike, zoning officer.
 - Construction Official: Ken Triano- **George to meet with him**
 - Verizon
 - Tree Removal Companies
 - Local Contractors

7. Phase III-Community Outreach

- Arbor Day- April 30th-
 - Checklist
 - Tree Planting: 2nd Ave Park; dedicated to BBES Class of 2021
 - Park on Third by Main Ave. 5:30pm 4/30
 - Swamp White Oak
 - 1. Order Tree- current quote for tree/delivery: \$355; awaiting another quote. Delivered to spot **Shana**

2. Dig Hole-DPW George

- Mayor's Proclamation Shana
 - Audio System: George will reach out to Dave Brown about town sound system
 - Poems by Students Shana
 - Planting of Tree - DPW will prep/plant
 - Publicity: Newspapers, local photographer Rich Despins has offered to shoot at event (and Green Fair)
Press Release- Shana to draft / TJ/John to Notify Newspapers
 - Earth Day- April 24th- "Green Day" 10am-3pm
 - Checklist Summer/Shana
 - Students' Art Exhibit in Riley Park - currently 40 images from students. Hope to get BBES volunteer corp. to assist exhibit set up
 - Demonstration by Mr. Brash; Workshop on "Tree Pruning and Care" 11am-12pm
 - Unclear as to what the rain plan is for the green fair (Sun. 4/25 available but Amy Hall is not available to run.)
 - Shana and Ravi will connect about a FB Live for streaming (for those who cannot attend). TJ Coan agreed to ask Jane DeNoble.
 - Rich Despins- Photographer?
- Initiatives
 - Memory Trees
 - Tom Pivinski of Asbury Park was consulted with on their simple program: For \$250 a tree is planted in front of your house with a hanging plaque. Narrowed down to a 3-4 tree options. Borough could dig hole. Volunteers plant the tree. Schedule a planting day 2 x year.
 - Name of Program: "Honor Me" Tree Dedication Program
 - Pricing - \$300/tree, checks made to the "Bradley Beach Shade Tree Trust"
 - Location: Create the option for the donor to choose where the tree is planted or allow the commission to plant where there is a need.
 - Create an online application through google form to collate data for planting. Shana and Ravi to set up. John Weber is happy to help.
 - Fall/October may be the best time for first planting.
 - 10 is the ideal minimum number for a bulk delivery fee from nursery; have DPW to dig holes and volunteers to do a community plant.

- Wildflower program on 2nd ave park near Ocean. There is a sprinkler system there. Kim Baker has volunteered to spearhead this program. She spoke with Captain Al regarding sustainable plants for proximity to the ocean. She will continue to research and connect with volunteers.

8. Continuing Education

- NJ Forest Service Urban and Comm. Core Training: The next two Mondays 22nd 12-1 pm or 4-5pm - **mandatory** webcasts. Prerequisite to watch videos.

9. Commission Comments

10. Liaison Comments

11. Public Comments

- Rich Despins plans to plant 5 planting strip trees. Based on "Honor Me " tree dedication program, he asked if it is reasonable to have 5 'honor me' trees planted on his property through the program.

12. Close Adjourned 9:20 p.m.