



Minutes for the BB Shade Tree Commission – May 19th, 2021

1. Call to Order - 7:02 PM
2. Roll Call: George, Ravi, Larry, Shana, Kim, Al - Liaison
3. Ratification of Minutes
 - 5-5-21 - motion to accept: Shana, Larry - seconded
4. Phase II-
 - Outreach to Borough
 - Planning/Zoning Boards
 - Planning May 27th
 - Zoning- Kristie, Zoning Sec. will try to schedule in June
4. Proposed Ordinance Changes
 - We realized that we need tightening up of enforcement phase of Ordinance. John Weber sent to Attny Canon. John mentioned to keep as simple as possible to get updates passed and stated that for someone who does not send in an application, it already states that they will need to replace and/or pay fee. We are finding that residents are referring to trees as dead or dying, when often the trees are healthy.
 - Ravi's recent pictures associated with applications are very helpful for the Commission to determine status of trees in applications.
5. Phase III-Community Outreach
 - Initiatives
 - Fund-a-tree
 - We still have an issue with manpower, and this may be a good way to encourage tree planting and offer a subsidy. Residents would still be required follow planting protocol. Program would encourage planting of trees, serve as a positive incentive for STC/Borough, and gives us extremely little responsibility. Same out of pocket as Honor Me Tree program.
 - Larry thinks it's a good idea. Shana great idea.
 - Suggest keeping one amount associated with any size planting strip.
 - Al- loves idea, wondering if there's a way to position as a compliment to the HONOR ME Dedication program. Part A \$300/350 for a tree and a registry that people could go online and see the tree they dedicated. Part B- we'll plant our own, pay full cost and get \$75 from borough. Suggesting that this program feed off each other. A registry was recommended for all trees planted.
 - Larry expressed concern that it may minimize the value of the HONOR ME program.

- Per Kim - Start slow on HONOR ME, see how many volunteers we get. Then, revisit after we plant a few trees. RE: volunteer flyer, Ravi/Kim made the flyer, but it hasn't been posted on social media.
George will put on FB.
Kim will post on different venues, create a google form.
 - George – sees need for replanting in planting strips.
 - Incentivize people for keeping trees. Educate people on why we should be keeping trees. Suggest a tree contest, have people take photos of their trees and submit. Perhaps down the road. Per Ravi, rather than a contest, do Honorary mention month about trees. Post photo on webpage, tree of the month. Newsletter?
Think about “tree a month” program: Ravi to flesh out. Helps with pride of trees and education. Keep folks interested in coming back to STC
 - Honor Me
 - Keep price point of \$350 – yes.
 - Post on social media & STC page.
 - Larry to develop tracking system
 - Scavelli –To participate for \$250. Shana to reach out.
 - Ravi sent out: Native Plant nurseries Monmouth County. We will add to tree list: Incorporating Native Plants by Rutgers. Ravi to modify for trees only.
Al Majeski works with a nursery where they work from a grant for donated trees. Kim to follow up with Captn. Al.
 - Ravi to send updated fillable PDFs
 - Shana to have BRASH review PLANTING STRIP TREES UNDER WIRES and consider adding this to Tree Guide.
 - Wishing Tree
 - Main Street Tree Wells
 - People are interested in seeing tree wells filled on Main. We have been waiting until plans are finalized on Main Street re-development re: grant.
 - Al indicated that BB did not receive the grant.
 - Al recommends trying to find a match in trees/wells. Who is working on this: Main Street Task Force? DPW plans for Main Street? – some degree of overlapping interest. Curb extensions and bump-outs (which would have included trees) but without a major grant, would be fair game to still enhance Main Street. Perhaps approach w/mayor a plan for fall, mayor may be receptive with forward-thinking plan.
 - Stump removal from Main Street tree wells.
George will start researching this.
 - Park Ash Trees

- A lot of 2nd Ave & Lakes parks – issue with Ash trees.
- 6. Applications
 - New
 - 21-018
 - Concern that squirrels living in tree may get into the house. Or that tree limbs may come down on another property. 2 of the trees are thriving.
 - Mr. Brash to give report on all trees.
 - 21-019
 - Anticipation that limbs may come down and that the tree is growing under the power lines.
Pine tree – aesthetic issue? it was pruned awkwardly. Resident doesn't like the pinecones.
Utility company WILL take care of pruning tree when needed.
 - Mr. Brash to evaluate property.
 - 21-020
 - Portion of tree is dead. Has two main trunks running up. **Ravi to take a look at tree.**
Shana to Measure Tree.
Potentially allow removal of tree and replace with one tree.
 - Existing
 - 21-015 - 607 Fourth
 - John spoke to resident.
We compromised and allowed her to replace with only one tree. Resident felt that STC was not being fair.
Suggest a final confirming letter is appropriate and indicate that STC is giving her a break in requiring replanting only one tree.
Suggest that she can submit in lieu of fee if she would prefer not to replant.
George to reply to resident.
Ravi to provide George with pre-printed material on tree roots in sewer lines.
 - 21-017 - 317 Third
 - Perhaps include comments from Brash in decision notification.
George would state a request to reconsider removal of Yew tree.
Tree 1 – replace w/2 trees; Yew – replace with 2 trees; Hemlock does not need replacement.
 - Someone took a tree down on George's block (Park Place), will send a certified letter to property owner.
 - Follow-up Protocol - Larry
 - Fillable Forms – **Ravi to make fillable PDF for Tree Application.**

7. Meetings
 - June 16th – George away in Africa. Shana may not be at meeting. Larry would likely run the meeting.
8. Forms
 - Fillable Application
9. Grants
 - CSIP – Shana & George to meet with Mr. Brash.
10. Commission Comments
 - Maritime Forest Dedication
Commission invited to attend. 5/25 Tuesday at 11am. STC may be recognized for positioning one of the trees there.
11. Liaison Comments
12. Public Comments
13. Close – 9:21 pm. Shana made motion/Larry seconded.

Topic: BBSCT ZOOM Meeting

Time: May 19, 2021 07:00 PM

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