



Agenda for the BB Shade Tree Commission – April 21st, 2021

1. Call to Order 7:00 pm

2. Roll Call:

George Heflich- Chair

Shana Greenblatt- Vice-Chair

Larry Bagwell

Ravi Maruvada

Kim Baker

Summer Deaver- Absent

Alan Gubitosi- Council Liaison

Larry Fox- Mayor

3. Ratification of Minutes

- 4-7-21 Motion: Shana, 2nd Ravi All in favor

4. Budget

- Status Update –

Mayor Fox congratulated the commission on its Tree City USA recognition. Al Gubitosi agreed.

He continued the BBSTC had a productive mtg with the Mayor last week. Full funding is in our budget. What they can't put in is the lag grant to offset part of budget. w/anticipation that it will cover the timing issue.

Shana stated that Tree inventory is expensive, must be done by a certified expert and this was one of the large \$ factors in budget request.

Final number will be our submitted request. 5K is currently in our temporary budget.

Mayor is to clarify restoration of our Trust.

George will forward email to Mayor from Sandy that \$ had been taken out of Trust.

We anticipate that Trust will be for tree planting, separate from operating acct.

Arbor Day/Tree City USA – outdoor sign. George will check with DPW

Al Gubitosi will purchase a sign for Tree City USA. Shana to order sign and bill Al.

- Expenditure Vote
 - Shana- ZOOM - already approved last year for \$150/year – wait until budget is finalized to submit.
 - George- Green Fair & Arbor Day expenses – tree watering bags, stakes & ties for trees; printing (ink)- Not to exceed \$250 Motion- Shana; Larry 2nd – all in favor.

We will submit vendor invoices for payment, agreed to hold all non-urgent invoices until after the budget is finalized.

5. Grants

- The William J. Porter Community Award- **In Progress-Ravi**
Ravi- to suggest use grant for maintenance.
- CSIP- **In Progress-Mr. Brash**
Next Forestry Council mtng May 13. If not out by then will check.

6. Applications

- New
 - 21-012 404 LaReine- Remove a planting strip tree. Will pay \$500 assessment in lieu of replacing. Ravi states looks like new growth. Sidewalk is slightly uplifted. Ravi recommends fixing sidewalk and keeping tree. Per George, there are dead branches.
Kim-asked about utility protocol in pruning trees. We now have an established relationship to hope to influence going forward.
APPROVE REMOVAL AND ASSESSMENT
 - 21-013 27 ½ Atlantic- Tree is alive
BRASH REVIEW
 - 21-014 413 Brinley- 1 Planting strip tree. Two trees on private property. Looking to have planting strip tree taken down and not indicating replacing.
HAVE BRASH EVALUATE PLANTING STRIP TREE
NOTE THAT THERE ARE SQUIRRELS NESTING IN TRE-E TO CONSIDER TIME FRAME.
 - 607 Fourth Ave.
Tree cut down without permission, with a remaining 4' stump.

George to measure tree (about 17"+) 2 trees or \$1,000 fee based on Schedule A.

George to follow up with letter to resident.

- Ordinance Change-
Suggest putting the above situation directly to schedule B. May not be heard on Ordinance update on this until after the budget.

Council may be able to get on meeting following.

Commission should first weigh in on this.

Al could begin process of taking to council/mayor and then bring to Cannon.

George, Shana, Kim, Ravi agreed with working. Larry will look over the weekend and get back to George

- Follow-up Protocol - **In Progress- Ravi/Larry**

7. Phase II-

- Outreach to Borough
 - Planning/Zoning Boards - **Larry to schedule**

8. Phase III-Community Outreach

- Green Fair- April 24th
Shana to check with Summer if she will be with us for art exhibit.
Mia Mutascio to photograph? Per Kim, yes.
Shana- CHECK W/MR. BRASH ON VIDEOING HIS WORKSHOP
- Arbor Day- April 30th 2nd Av. Park
DPW to dig hole on Thursday morning, tree will be delivered Thursday afternoon.
SHANA TO give Kim her t-shirt
Al- Signs to please social distance; Al to ask if there are Social Distancing signs from last summer to use at Dedication
- Initiatives
 - Honor Me
Larry volunteered to run this.

Ravi created fillable PDF forms for both, for webpage and social media.

Ravi will resend both forms to include 55 characters max.

Larry will set up a spreadsheet.

Kim can set up google forms on drive.

Can the program provide tax deduction form? Can the Trust be used for tax deductible charitable fund? Check with Paul Neshamkin to set up a 501c3; check w/Paula Gavin since Alliance has as well. Al recommended perhaps having a matching program.

On hold for Main Street development.

DPW planting trees around lake.

Update on website: unknown. Anticipate having individuals have access to contribute directly to page.

Social Media – link on FB.

- Wishing Tree
 - Online Data Form- **In progress-Ravi/Shana**

9. Commission Comments

10. Liaison Comments –

- Al- Dedication ceremony for Julie Shreck.
 - Captain Al is arranging to have plantings brought in (including some small trees). Would STC like to be formally included in ceremony? Yes. Tues.May 25, 11am at Maritime Forest.
- Ravi asked Al to reduce lighting at Maritime Forest
- Thanks to Al for helping support the STC budget.

11. Close. Motion: Shana motion/Larry 2nd. All in favor. 8:56pm