

BBSTC Minutes

8/4/2021

1. Call to Order – 7:08 Ravi Motioned, Larry Seconded, all in favor

2. Roll Call - present

George, Ravi, Larry, Nick Council Liaison - Al G

3. Ratification of Minutes

- 7-21-21 Packet - Ratified – Larry B Motioned; Ravi Seconded, all in favor

4. Applications

- Delivery- Any applications will be scanned and emailed to us every Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- New
 - 21-026 Packet – Action – Approved. 1 new tree must be replanted/assessment
 - 21-027 Packet – Action –Approved 2 to 1. George and Larry voted to approve application. Ravi voted no as he did not want to cast a vote until after he spoke with the resident. Ravi to reach out to homeowner on 8/5.
 - Issue – Homeowner has the right to remove a tree on their property. Resident claims it is too large and near home and concerned about damage if tree falls. Owner is agreeing to plant 3 new trees.
 - 21-028- Action- Approved 2 to 1. George and Larry voted yes, Ravi voted no. Planting strip tree. Resident is very concerned about danger of falling branches. George did examine tree, it is dead and resident is very concerned for safety, does not want to wait another 2 weeks.
- Fillable Application – Ravi said form is ready and encouraged team to review and test the newest version of the form in the Google Drive.

5. Phase III

- Honor Me – Administrative issues have been resolved with CFO on how to handle the financials.
 - Larry to complete the process write-up and distribute prior to the next meeting.
 - Looking to plant in beginning of October.
- Wishing Tree – Tracing form and process write-up in process. Will distribute to the group prior to the next meeting.
- Money Tree – George following up to define the process for this program.
- Tree of the Month – Ravi shared the template. Team will review and decide on when to move this initiative forward.

6. Legal

- Ordinance Changes – Changes have been voted on and approved by mayor/council.
- Borough Policy- Sidewalks/Planting Strip – Al G taking this issue to the council to develop a comprehensive policy/process.

7. Mandatory Child Abuse Program – George reminded team members to get this done as all volunteers for the borough need to review this video.

8. Borough meeting with CFO – George reported meeting went well.

9. Commission Comments

- The Commission needs point person(s) for State Organizations, Secretary, etc.
- Al will be raising the issue of sidewalk/tree maintenance for trees located in the planting strip.

10. Liaison Comments –

- George - Shana has resigned from her position as vice-chair. George working on new volunteers for the committee. Several people have voiced an interest in participating in the STC. Looking for commission members to divide work previously done by Shana.

11. Public Comments –

- Alice Sammon attended the meeting. She and her husband attended previous STC meeting looking for answers on who is responsible for what regarding trees planted in the planting strip. Was told that the mayor/council and BA would be the ones to ask about changes.

12. Close – Closed at 8:32; Larry Motioned, Ravi Seconded, all approved