

Minutes of the BBSTC- January 5th, 2022

1. Call to Order 7:05

2. Roll Call

- George Heflich - Present
- Anne Gubitosi - Present
- Larry Bagwell - Present
- Kim Baker - Present
- Nick Korsarych - Absent
- Liaisons - John Weber - Present

3. Commission 2022

- Elections/Appointments -
 - Chair- L. Bagwell nominated G.Heflich. K. Baker seconded. G. Heflich accepted the nomination. Unanimous vote in favor.
 - Vice-Chair- The Commission will hold off on the election for this position until the disposition of Jane DeNoble as a member is clarified.
 - Secretary- G.Heflich reappointed A. Gubitosi as Secretary. A. Gubitosi accepted.
- Jane DeNoble - The Commission is waiting to hear if she will be reappointed by L. Fox. All members expressed their concern and disappointment due to the zeal and work that Jane has contributed. Chairman Heflich stated that he does not understand the mayor's reasons for non-reappointment and stated that without Jane, the work of the commission will be diminished. All members agreed.

4. Applications

- New- None

- 21-017 317 Third Ave. - A Yew and a Mulberry tree on private property had been approved for removal. The commission asked the applicant to reconsider removing the Yew tree. The ordinance requires 3 replacement trees to be planted within one year for the 2 trees removed. The homeowner had indicated that she might keep the Yew tree. It has since been removed.

Chair Heflich commented that any homeowner has the right to remove a tree on their private property, subject to the ordinance replacement requirements and has one year to plant the required replacement trees.

L. Bagwell said he will check on this property.

5. Budget

- 2021- \$30,000 was in our budget for the year and \$8,001.37 was spent. \$15,000 was earmarked for the inventory grant.
- 2022- The Budget will be \$15,000/

6. Violations – The Commission is still waiting to hear from the Mayor and the B.A. about how we are to handle violations, specifically those who remove trees without submitting an application. The Commission may have to go back to sending out violation letters to homeowners who cut down their trees without being approved via the application process.

J. Weber suggested sending out letters again. L. Bagwell supported this idea and said that after a year it goes to code anyway. K. Baker supported this idea and L. Bagwell and Anne Gubitosi said that they would help send out the letters.

7. HONOR ME/WISHING TREE – The Sewer mailing will contain one piece of double sided paper about the Honor Me/Wishing Tree program.

J. DeNoble mentioned that the paper is a good way to reach the residents as most of them do not go on the computer.

L. Bagwell was curious about the parks and lakes and planting trees in those locations. Those locations are under the DPW but L. Bagwell thinks there may be people willing to donate trees in those locations if allowed.

8. Tree of the Month - January 2022 – K. Baker picked the Lieberman's Tree as the Tree of the Month. The Coast Star has been great about featuring it every month.

9. Events 2022

- Arbor Day- Friday, April 29th – G. Heflich will be away for this event. He asked for a point person to help coordinate in his absence.

The Commission is thinking of planting a tree every year in honor of the graduating class from Bradley Beach Elementary. J. Weber will contact the school.

It was suggested that the Commission have its spring planting the next day.

The Commission is also considering participation on Earth Day as well and having a table set up in Riley Park.

- Brash tree Inventory- May 2022 – The grant was approved for this inventory. Mr. Brash will conduct a complete inventory of every public tree regarding the trees' status, health and potential hazardousness.

10. Annual Report for Council – G. Heflich will provide the report.

11. Annual Reports for Organizations – N. Korsarych and L. Bagwell will provide.

12. Commission Comments – Water bags were collected from the trees and stored in the shed.
13. Liaison Comments - None
14. Public Comments – T. Gavin called in with questions regarding trees on his property.
15. Close