

Minutes of the BBSTC – March 1st, 2023

1. Call to Order 7:06 pm
2. Roll Call:
 - Larry Bagwell - Present
 - Laurie Bagley – Present
 - Noelle Weinberg - Present
 - Caroline Davidson – Present
 - Nick Kosarych - Absent
 - Anne Gubitosi - Absent
 - Tom Gavin - Absent
 - Jane DeNoble (Council Liaison) - Present
 - John Weber (Council Liaison) - Absent
3. Welcome New Commission Members to the Shade Tree Commission:
 - Caroline Davidson
 - Noelle Weinberg
4. Applications:
 - #23-001: 328 Newark - Dead limbs and hollow spots. Request to remove one tree. Heflich reviewed - “it is dead and removal follows the ordinance.” Vote is unanimous to approve application (by email)
 - #23-002: 105 Central Avenue - Tree is on private property, not planting strip. Will remove tree where driveway is being installed, will plant replacement in another location on the property. Vote is unanimous to approve application. (by email)
 - #23-003: 200 LaReine Avenue - Trees growing into each other. Private property trees to remove. Trees have already been removed - so this application represents a filing after the fact. STC will request 2 replacement trees to be planted elsewhere on property. Vote is unanimous to approve application. (by email)
5. Honor Me applications – 5 to date (since last planting event)
 - Beth Ann Tinkler has applied contingent on location of Honor Me tree. She wants it close to her home on the 600 block of Second Ave. She was told it would be located approximately across the street from house number 607. This is acceptable and she will complete the application with payment.
6. Wishing Tree Applications – 7 to date (since last planting event)
7. Tree of the Month:
 - February not submitted
 - March – submitted by Jane DeNoble - Story and Photo – submitted to township for approval and publishing

8. Confirmation of Meeting Calendar for 2023: Goal is to have one meeting per month - two in April and September when tree plantings occur. 2023 schedules will be First Wednesday of the month except for April and September which will be the First and Third Wednesdays of Month (when two dates needed).
9. Other events:
 - Earth Day 4/22 10:00-3:00 – should we participate? Voted yes. Several commission members will monitor the table. Will have a table and have flyers available.
 - Spotted Lantern Fly
 - Honor Me Tree Applications
 - Wishing Tree Applications
 - Mediterranean Day at Ascension Church 3/25 2:00-8:00 – Larry to find out if we can have flyers and/or table available at the festival.
 - Jane to follow up with Mayor Fox to see if we can add an advertisement in his monthly email to residents containing a link to Honor Me and Wishing Tree applications.
10. Annual Reports:
 - Tree City USA - N. Kosarych has prepared and submitted.
11. Ordinance Update - No update since last meeting. L. Bagwell will follow-up with John Weber and Mayor Fox.
12. Commission Comments
 - N. Kosarych - Asks for guidance to Google Docs applications for 2022. L. Bagwell suggests that there is a “Master Spreadsheets” section and will locate for Nick.
 - L. Bagwell will set up process for regular checking/pick-up of Borough mail
 - L. Bagley - Natural Climate Solutions NJ DEP - applications for grants due September 16, 2022 - Did STC apply on time? G. Heflich stated that the application was not made. L. Bagley stated that she will set up a calendar to track grant opportunities in the future.
 - Nick Kosarych - Can STC ask Mayor Fox to include notes about Honor Me or Wishing Trees as part of next mailings/e-mails for Beach Lockers, etc.? L. Bagwell will follow up with Mayor Fox.
13. Liaison Comments - DeNoble (via text, read to STC by Anne Gubitosi) willing to help with plantings and Tree of the Month. Also must get Tree of the Month fliers into tax bills.
14. Public Comments
15. Close 7:55 pm