

## Minutes of the BBSTC - May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

- Call to Order by L. Bagwell 7:03 pm
- Motion to Accept Minutes (N. Kosarych) and Second (L. Bagley). Motion passed.
- Roll Call
  - Larry Bagwell - Present
  - Laurie Bagley - Present
  - Caroline Davidson - Present
  - Tom Gavin - Present
  - Anne Gubitosi - Present
  - Nick Kosarych - Present
  - Noelle Weinberg - Present
  - John Weber (Council Liaison) - Present
  - Jane DeNoble (Council Liaison) - Present
- Applications
  - 23-007 - 408 Main Street - In front of Abuelita's Market. Londonplane tree will continue to grow. JCP&L willing to cut a "V". L. Bagwell shared opinion that tree could create problems. T. Gavin thinks it should be removed; would like to measure "spacing" for possible expansion of the base. Resident T.J. Coan thinks it provides a nice canopy and owner should better maintain. L. Bagley wishes to keep tree ("It's a beautiful tree"). Vote will be taken again at next meeting as this application was not posted on the website in the original agenda.
  - 23-011 – 511 Monmouth Ave. – 1 dead tree. Homeowner asked Mayor and STC Chair to waive fee. And waiver was communicated to the homeowner. STC voted "virtually" to allow removal of tree. However, Borough Council must approve waiver of fee. J. DeNoble notes that fees are critical for funding new tree plantings. T.J. Coan notes that fees should be paid by all residents. L. Bagwell offered to reach out to the homeowner and acknowledge STC error (can't approve waiver).
  - 23-012 – 304 Fourth Ave – 2 dead Ash trees. Added late to the Agenda. Concern that there was not sufficient public notice. J. DeNoble suggests to vote because of liability risk - trees are definitely dead. Exigent circumstances. N. Kosarych notes they are both on the "Yellow" flagged list. Unanimous vote to remove.
- Spring Tree Event – Very successful event. Despite threats of rain, good turnout by volunteers and managed to plant most trees. STC received a few letters of "Thanks" for Honor Me trees planted. Post event tasks
  - Mulch - L. Bagwell will confirm with DPW and one tree needs stakes by DPW.

- One Honor Me tree has an error on the medallion (says “36” and should be “38”) - Homeowner made the mistake. J. DeNoble says that the homeowner will decide if she wants to pay for new medallion.
  - Emails to residents – watering, etc. L. Bagwell willing to send out notices but needs addresses - L. Bagwell will email the list. J. DeNoble already has shared illustrative instruction.
  - Honor Me Trees - N. Weinberg will send out “Thank you” letters (not Certificates) to 5 people (including herself!)
  - J. DeNoble requests a list of volunteers to give social media “Kudos” to the volunteers.
  - N. Weinberg - Asks if STC will thank DPW. L. Bagwell will follow-up with small “thank you”.
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- Wishing Tree Applications – To Date - 2 for Fall planting. One more received today and STC can use a leftover tree to plant now (don’t need to wait until the Fall)
  - Honor Me Applications – To Date - None at this point
  - Community Outreach/Media - L. Bagwell raised concern that Social Media presence was stronger and has “slipped” recently due to a complicated process imposed by the Borough. Belief is that the STC should have more flexibility to advertise. J. DeNoble suggests a flier (in August tax bill?) that says “Ask before you Axe” - communicate in a positive light. Hyper link on Borough site to STC mailbox was broken - but L. Bagwell notified Borough and it was corrected.
  - Tree of the month - June. Will identify a Black Jack Oak tree at 13 Pacific Ave - N. Kosarych described the tree as “Majestic”.
  - Calendar – Next Meeting -- June 7th.
  - L. Bagwell will work to get STC Flier included in July Tax bill.
  - Ordinance Correction Update
    - New State Ordinance – NJ Urban and Community Forestry Program – Comments due 5/12. N. Kosarych described new “template” from State of NJ that will strengthen enforcement. Penalties for tree removals, etc. to strengthen “stormwater Runoff” protections. State asking for comments by May 12th.
  - Manasquan Multi City Shade Tree Meeting 5/23/23 - Manasquan. L. Bagwell plans to attend and invites other STC members to attend.
  - Commission Comments:
    - L. Bagwell audited the budget for STC Trust Account and has questions and is following up with the Finance Dept. Some payments received may have been miscoded.
    - Donations and Fees not all collected for Red-Flagged fees - L. Bagwell will follow-up with Borough Council to see if fees/donations can still be recovered. STC received \$1,500 in donations but \$3,400 was expected plus application fees of another \$850. Suggested that L. Bagwell will work with Mayor to send a “friendly follow-up” letter.

- L. Bagwell completed progress reports for being able to collect the grant.
- N. Weinberg:
  - Leftover spotted Lantern Fly education cases donated to Elementary school.
  - Three medians along Second Ave where equipment was stored. Medians now in horrible shape - dust - no watering. Can STC start a mini “Butterfly Garden” with low maintenance plantings?
- T. Gavin - Make corrections on Borough Website to dress up documents and fix links. Acronym on site should be “BBSTC”.
- N. Kosarych - Gives Kudos to Jane, Noelle, and Caroline for the support he received on the Green Fair.
- A. Gubitosi - “Thank you” to J. DeNoble for all of her work to support the STC in many ways - Tree of Month, Nursery runs to buy trees, organizing plantings, etc.
- Liaison Comments
  - J. Weber - Thanks to the STC team members that staffed the Green Fair booth and for the planting support last weekend. Also would like to ask Bill Brash (tree expert) how to update the Tree Inventory document going forward.
- Public Comments
- Close 8:29 pm. T. Gavin motion to Close. L. Bagley Second. Motion passed.