

Minutes of the BBSTC- June 7th, 2023

- Call to Order by L. Bagwell at 7:02 PM
- Roll Call
 - Larry Bagwell - Present
 - Laurie Bagley - Present
 - Caroline Davidson – not Present
 - Tom Gavin – Present (phone)
 - Anne Gubitosi – not Present
 - Nick Kosarych - Present
 - Noelle Weinberg - Present
 - John Weber (Council Liaison) - Present
 - Jane DeNoble (Council Liaison) – not Present
- Minutes For Last Meeting
 - Motion to Accept Minutes (L. Bagley) and Second (Tom). Unanimous, yes. Motion passed.
- Applications
 - 23-007 – 408 Main Street – 1 tree, revote
 - Comments
 - TJ Coan – As a local proprietor, he would like the tree to remain and be properly trimmed for safety and aesthetic appearances
 - J. Naples – new owner of the property is very concerned about the tree’s leaning, safety around the overhead wires is a risk to his building and the area and thus why he requests the removal of the tree. Also mentioned raised pavers at tree base.
 - J. Weber - would like to explore town accepting tree maintenance and thus save the tree. (Note: this is a State road and they are supposed perform maintenance which likely is V-cut or felling)
 - Vote: Approve removal - Bagwell and Gavin; deny application – Kosarych and Weinberg; Abstain – Bagley (requested more information). Tie vote results in no change to status therefore the application denied
 - 23-020 paid fee before meeting, unusual in that roots are spreading to entire front yard.
 - Resident attended meeting to explain issues and concerns with the roots.
 - Tabled until Tree Expert can evaluate and report. Acceptable to resident.
 - 23-014 – 414 Evergreen – 1 dead tree planting strip
 - Since tree is dead there is no requirement to replace but will strongly recommend
 - Vote unanimous to permit removal
 - 23-015 – 401 4th – 1 dead, 1 dying, no replacements required but will strongly recommend
 - Tabled as these are infected Ash trees; Larry to follow up with homeowner regarding potential replacements
 - 23-016 – 612 LaReine Ave – 1 dead tree planting strip
 - Since tree is dead there is no requirement to replace but will strongly recommend. Homeowner
 - Vote unanimous to permit removal
 - 23-017 – 1001 Central Ave – remove 2 trees (obstructed vie for driveway), plant 2 trees
 - Tabled until Tree Expert can evaluate and report.
 - 23-018, 23-019, – received application without fee payment. Larry notified residents for payment.

- 23-021 – received too late to publish to website prior to the meeting. Larry to address with resident.
- Wishing Tree Applications – To Date – 8 (includes 3 left over from April)
- Honor Me Applications – To Date - 0
 - Ms. Callahan purchased medallion for her Honor me tree planted at (confirm location)
- Community Outreach/Media
 - Tree of the month – June posted. Lots of positive feedback from FB page!
 - July – in process
 - Media – Coast Star and Coastar
- Calendar - Next Meeting- July 5th.
 - June BBBCA events? Bagwell is a member of BBBCA and will speak with Them (Paula) how BBSTC can be set with a table at the upcoming events
- Ordinance Correction Update
 - Bagwell and Weber to confirm the posted STC ordinance is not a draft mark-up and that it complies with new DEP Storm Water template
- Budget Updates –
 - Completed our Grant requirements. Waiting for payment. The State asking for a few more details.
 - Audit for 2022 turned up a few items to be researched
 - Have not received a response
 - Weber asked to provide assistance on Borough level
- New Projects – 2nd Ave & Central?
 - Bagwell to discuss & follow-up with DPW
 - Sylvan Lake Project – 28 dead/dying Ash trees. Application submitted to TD Tree Days Program. Awaiting notification from TD Bank panel.
- Commission Comments – no additional comments
- Liaison Comments – John commented that he will approach Mayor and administrator regarding maintenance of the trees on Main Street
- Public Comments – Discussed points of order for STC Meetings. Suggestion was to conduct with public comments only at the end of the meeting. Larry suggested that Applications should be conducted in a more orderly fashion – Commission comments first, Liaison comments next; then public comments; then conduct vote. Larry to follow up with borough officials and confirm.
- Close
 - Motion made: Gavin & 2nd by Kosarych
 - Unanimous approval. Meeting closed 8:38