

Minutes of the BBSTC- August 2, 2023

- Call to Order by L. Bagwell at 7:01
- Roll Call
 - Larry Bagwell - Present
 - Anne Gubitosi - Present
 - Nick Kosarych - Present
 - Tom Gavin - Present
 - Caroline Davidson - Present
 - Noelle Weinberg - Present
 - Jane DeNoble Liaison - Absent
 - John Weber Liaison - Absent
- Minutes For Last Meeting - Tabled due to late distribution of prior meeting minutes.
- Applications
 - 23-024 – 504 Monmouth Ave – remove 2 Trees Of Heaven, 1 replacement (Private Property). N. Kosarych - Nuisance trees - should remove. C. Davidson - can we communicate “recommended removal process” to avoid roots spreading? Need to monitor area to make sure trees don’t reproduce. T. Gavin suggests that Penn State has instructions, resource base. T. Gavin will create instructions for recommended removal procedures and place on the STC Google Drive. Also Rutgers has great information. N. Kosarych motions to approve tree removal. Unanimous approval by STC.
 - 23-025 – 208 Park Place Ave – remove 1 tree – rotted, 2 replacements (Private). Sixty to seventy foot tree per L. Bagwell. T. Gavin - Application says “Two trees TBD” - what are approved trees for replacement? L. Bagwell says that a two-year period is provided within which to replace - and also recommends species for replacement. Motion by C. Davidson to allow removal. Unanimous approval by STC to remove.
 - 23-026 – 401 3rd Ave – remove 1 tree, 1 replacement (Private). L. Bagwell - Silver Birch species is too close to the house. One year window to replace. A. Gubitosi motion to approve application. Unanimous approval by STC.
 - 23-027 – 406 LaReine Ave – remove 1 tree (Planting Strip). L. Bagwell - One Red Tag tree was already removed. Homeowner says tree is dead and that the roots are causing plumbing problems but L. Bagwell thinks the tree is in decent shape.

Tree needs to be “crowned” per inventory list. A. Gubitosi states tree roots grow toward water source, suggesting that the pipe is already leaking/broken. L. Bagwell says concern is the London Plains tree root system which could get in the way. T. Gavin thinks this is a healthy looking tree; contractor says that they can use “sleeve” to repair sewer. It is a sewer problem, not a tree problem. L. Bagwell says they can coat inside of a terracotta pipe to provide a seal. Ground shifting could break seal however. N. Kosarych is ok with tree removal if replaces with two - because too close to power lines. Gavin - states that homeowner is not offering replacement trees. L. Bagwell says not likely to successfully replace since there would be existing root systems blocking the replacement trees. T. Gavin asks if homeowner would consider replacement trees? C. Davidson would also like more information and if there is a “lean issue” STC should recommend tree pruning and keeping the tree. T. Gavin motion to not remove at this time but instead seek more information and explore all options before tree could be removed (e.g. fix sewer pipes). Unanimous vote to deny until more information is received.

- 23-031 – 408 LaReine Ave – remove 1, plant 1 (Planting Strip). L. Bagwell - “good sized” tree, spoke with homeowner and explained that tree does not cause the pipes to burst. Homeowner took a video that shows roots invading the pipes but break is on property of homeowner. Public comment by Thomas Coan that Park Place (Hammond to Fletcher) was postponed due to cost of bidders. N. Kosarych also raised concern regarding replacement by Red Maple - too large for planting strip and “not the right tree” for that spot. T. Gavin - this tree needs pruning - looks very healthy. L. Bagwell agrees pruning should take place. A. Gubitosi motion to deny application. Unanimous vote to deny by STC.
- 23-028 – 503 Newark Ave – remove 2 trees Trees Of Heaven (TOH) infested (Private). L. Bagwell – major pruning took place but they are infested with Lantern Flies. T. Gavin would like to see replacement trees offered. L. Gavin shared that homeowner has no space to plant replacement trees. T. Gavin says should send TOH removal instructions. Two large trees each between 8 and 17 inches. N. Korsarch motion to approve removal of two TOHs. Unanimous vote by STC to approve removal.
- 23-029 – 202 3rd Ave – remove 3, plant 3 (diseased?) (Planting Strip). N. Kosarych - these trees are not on inventory as problem. These trees are in circular holes and root balls still have blue plastic covering. L. Bagwell agrees that plastic debris on balls of trees is likely evidence of poor planting. A. Gubitosi says master gardener opines that trees have virus (diseased). Homeowner is willing to replace with flowering Black Cherry trees. T. Gavin suggests to have STC mention that Cherries dropping may create messiness and staining on sidewalk. T. Gavin motions to

approve application. Unanimous vote by STC to approve application - including note to ensure proper planting.

- 23-030 – 403 Brinley Ave – remove 1, plant 1 (Private). Homeowner calls it “an invasive species. It’s a very dirty tree with significant droppings - yellow flowering tree.” T. Gavin reminded that it is a private property tree and owner is willing to replace. C. Davidson would like to confirm that this is not an invasive species - if it is, homeowner may need to manage roots. C. Davidson volunteers to examine tree and will follow-up with homeowner. A. Gubitosi motions to approve application for removal with replacement planted. Unanimous vote by STC to approve.

- Wishing Tree Applications – Ten applications to date (includes 3 left over from April)

- Honor Me Applications – Two applications to date. T. Gavin volunteers to help Liaison DeNoble in coordinating efforts with Nursery, etc.

- Community Outreach/Media
 - Tree of the month (TOM) – July Posted - Corner of Brinley and Main in Riley Park. More positive FB feedback! N. Kosarych says “Great Idea” - other Communities want to emulate Bradley Beach Tree of Month process. August?
 - Media – Coast Star and Coastar
 - Tax Mailing insert with BBSTC flyer – Copies made. Envelopes are all folded and ready to go. Mailing should be early August. Need envelope stuffer volunteers! L. Bagwell - Will be “all hands on deck” at Borough Hall. Colleen (Tax Collector) is in favor.
 - Oldest Tree in Bradley Beach – designing plaque. N. Kosarych says they have found a design they like that won’t hurt trees. Still working on wording. L. Bagwell - need to get Communication out on website to generate “Buzz”. N. Kosarych - also - may have over ten candidates. L. Bagwell suggests to possibly set a limit to 30 or 35? N. Kosarych says these trees can go on NJ Site for “Superior Trees”. N. Kosarych will pull some wording together for website.
 - Borough ID’s – how to identify with borough residents... needed? L. Bagwell wonders if the STC members should have an ID or T-Shirt - etc.? N. Kosarych suggested in order to avoid questions from residents. T. Gavin - Maybe a GREEN vest with “Shade Tree Commission Volunteer” wording? Discussion reinforced that members should not enter property without approval. N. Weinberg asks if permission is granted on the application. L. Bagwell answered “Yes” and read statement from application. Weinberg suggests even bolder wording on homeowner correspondence.

- Calendar - Next Meeting – discuss adding third Wednesday back to calendar – shortened agenda (applications review only). T. Gavin - STC should require COMPLETE APPLICATION before taking action. STC may need to schedule two meetings per month - but if so - only discuss applications in first meeting. Consider changing Charter to meet once a month? N. Kosarych prefers to meet two times with liberty to cancel second meeting. L. Bagwell - will set up two meetings per month but will look into potentially changing the Ordinance to allow one meeting per month.
- Fall Planting Event – STC agrees to October 14, 2023.
- Budget Updates –
 - Agency reviewed submission, requested Financial Report.
 - Audit for 2022 turned up a few items to be researched
- Sylvan Lake Project – 28 dead/dying Ash trees. Application submitted to TD Bank - Tree Days Program. Update – L. Bagwell was asked to revise budget to \$12,500 (20 trees) which he did. Now awaiting response from TD Bank.
- Commission Comments:
 - L. Bagwell announces that there is one new volunteer to replace C. Davidson who moved from Alternate to permanent member; asks if other STC members know potential volunteers.
 - A. Gubitosi likes idea of STC members taking photos of trees in applications to share with others AND likes idea of STC members going together when possible.
 - N. Weinberg suggests sending out STC Contacts list to all. L. Bagwell suggests info is in General Information Folder.
 - N. Kosarych - There will be a Jersey Shore Shade Tree Commission “Picnic” on Saturday, Aug 26th at 4:00 pm in Manasquan. N. Kosarych will send invite around to all members.
- Liaison Comments - None attended
- Public Comments - Thomas Coan - STC does “So much” to monitor trees - and it nice to see the STC Recognized. Also likes two meetings per month. Suggests “Green Blazers” (like the Masters) for STC uniforms.
- Close: T. Gavin motioned to adjourn at 8:34. All approved.