

Minutes of the BBSTC – Thursday - December 7, 2023

🎬 Call to Order 7:05

🎬 Roll Call

- Larry Bagwell - Present
- Anne Gubitosi - Present
- Nick Kosarych - Present
- Noelle Weinberg - Absent
- Tom Gavin - Absent
- Carolyn Davidson - Present
- John Weber, Liaison - Present
- Susan Pearsall - Present

🎬 Minutes For Last Meeting - N. Kosarych motion to approve. C. Davidson Second. All approved.

🎬 Applications:

- 23-042 – 204 Newark Ave – Remove 3 trees (1 PS, 2 PRIV) (w/replacements) Planting Strip tree is an “Honor Me” tree. Apparent scarring on the tree where a cable held the medallion. Also possible Woodpecker damage. David Altomose planted it in honor of a friend - but a new homeowner needs it removed for construction. Requesting English Laurel trees and Arborvitae to be planted, but English Laurels are not a “native” species. May want the arborvitae to use as a shield for a pool? C. Davidson points out that English Laurel looks more like a shrub or boxwood. Suggests to ask homeowners to plant native trees. N. Kosarych and C. Davidson suggests asking homeowners to use native species trees - not bushes. Need to support birds and insects. N. Kosarych made motion to deny - No second. L. Bagwell motion to approve with instruction to homeowners to use more appropriate replacement trees - smaller bushes are not adequate replacements, also potentially preserve ONE of the large existing trees? C. Davidson Second. N. Kosarych voted “No”, Bagwell, Davidson, Gubitosi vote “Yea”.

🎬 Wishing Tree Applications – To Date – None

- DPW asked if STC could plant two trees in Riley Park
- Lareine Condo interested per J. Weber

🎬 Honor Me Applications – To Date - 1 so far.

🎬 Community Outreach/Media

- Oldest Tree in Bradley Beach – plaques received, developing plan for hanging the medallions. N. Kosarych: He and C. Davidson have mounted 12 plaques and are working on Fourth Avenue currently. Trying to reach owners - some are not yet home but will continue to try. Roughly 30 trees have been identified in total. N. Kosarych created a file for “Big Tree Nominations”.
- Media – Coast Star and Coaster : “December Tree” J. DeNoble wrote-up for Facebook page. Very good feedback from public. L. Bagwell noted that J. DeNoble took a great picture of Evergreen.

🎬 Calendar - Next Meeting – January 3, 2024

🎬 Budget Updates – Shade Tree Account \$15,057.74

🎬 Commission Comments:

- N. Kosarych would like “teeth” added to STC Ordinance more like Spring Lake. L. Bagwell asks STC members to come to January 2024 meeting with suggestions.
- L. Bagwell and C. Davidson suggest creating literature on the importance of “Native” species. J. Weber suggests to locate an existing one-pager? Then add to STC Google drive on Bradleybeachnj.gov drive.
- N. Kosarych STC members need to get Continuing Education credits. L. Bagwell said training done in Spring may not yet be reflected on State website. N. Kosarych said that Credits can be counted for DPW training completed as well. Need to get credits in for 2023 - can’t “borrow” from 2024 for 2023 credits. J. Weber will look into getting credits. Susan Pearsall might be able to take a course by year end also. Online courses can be done in afternoon - 3 to 4 hours to complete. “Responsibilities of Government and Commission Authorizations. What protections and what can do or not do. What trees are at risk and benefits for saving? C. Davidson completed Urban Forest Recertification - may be applied? N. Kosarych will send link and put on Google Docs.
- A. Gubitosi asked L. Bagwell to provide all 2024 STC Meeting dates to members.
- 🎬 Liaison Comments:
 - J. Weber noted that STC members need to assign “# Years” assignments. L. Bagwell will prepare.
 - J. Weber reminds that the STC must submit a Year-End report to Council.
 - J. Weber notes that tree-bags are placed in shed. Water bags should stay on trees planted this year.

🎬 Public Comments

🎬 Close: L. Bagwell thanks Commission members for very successful 2023. N. Kosarych motion to adjourn, A. Gubitosi Second. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.