

**Minutes of the BBSTC- March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**(April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting moved to 3/29 due to conflict with Passover)**

- Call to Order by L. Bagwell 7:04 pm
- Motion to Accept Minutes (A. Gubitosi) and Second (N. Kosarych). Motion passed.
- Roll Call
  - Larry Bagwell - Present
  - Laurie Bagley - Absent
  - 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
  - #23007 - 408 Main Street: In front of Abuelita's Market. London Plains tree - Location on State Road. Tree needs attention from DPW. J. Weber and T. Gavin suggest having Council test with JCPL. to probably should not ask Landlord to take care of it. Shade Tree does not feel they should vote on State Right of Way without Council follow-up with State and JCPL. Motion by L. Bagwell to vote "Decline" application. Should not remove tree. Unanimous vote to decline.
  - #23008 - 811 Main Street: In front of Fire House. Diameter of 10" to 11" - not 27" (circumference) as noted in application. Located in proposed area for driveway. Will plant trees elsewhere on site. Resident Thomas Coan noted that he attended Land Use Board meeting and this removal is appropriate. A. Gubitosi and T. Gavin suggest that the applicant should NOT be charged for the \$50 application. Motion to approve application by L. Bagwell. Motion passes with N. Kosarych only dissenting vote. L. Bagwell will talk to applicant to see if the replacement trees can ALSO be located on the street in right-of-way; noting that the applicant must follow approved site-plan.
  - #23009 - 413 Fourth Ave: Application to remove tree. Only explanation is "New owner" - But Commission members could not reach applicant. Need to replace with a tree (not a bush) AND must be a tree on "approved list". Motion to table this vote by L. Bagwell. Unanimous approval. T. Gavin with follow-up with homeowner.
  - #23010 - 316 Fourth Ave: Based upon map drawn this tree removal is not in planting strip. Applicant wishes to replace with trees or shrubs that are not

“approved”. Tree looks healthy but not sure if Commission members understand the owner. T. Gavin will follow-up with this applicant. Motion to table this vote by L. Bagwell. Unanimous approval.

- New plantings: Goal was to get at least 20 trees planted
  - Wishing Tree Applications – To Date -- 10 applications to date.
  - Honor Me Applications – To Date -- 5 applications to date.
  - Deadline is first week in April (Markouts and trip to nursery is April 14 deadline)
  - L. Bagwell will send out instruction note by Friday, March 31.
  - Fall planting - can plant in some public spots - including Second and Third Ave Park (per J. DeNoble). Can place at least four trees in park. J. DeNoble will measure the width of planting strips and determine what trees will be available in the fall.
  - Request for “Honor Me” tree on 600 block on Second Ave - planting strip is too narrow so plant across street in front of 611 Second Ave. J. DeNoble will talk to applicant.
  
- Tree of the Month
  - April – Done
  - May – Commission members will suggest trees for Jane DeNoble to profile for May 2023.
  - Idea for 130th Anniversary for Bradley Beach.
    - J. Weber mentioned that Tree Expert can easily estimate ages of different types of trees based upon diameters.
    - Maybe do “Anniversary Campaign” identifying trees older than the Borough? Example - “Large tree on school property”
    - N. Weinberg likes idea - suggests tie to school student research assignment: “What was happening in history at the birth of tree?”
    - N. Kosarych likes idea of advertising and encouraging Community involvement. J. DeNoble suggests creating a “Walking Tour” of up to 10 trees.
    - J. Weber volunteers to write up a plan to proceed.
  
- Calendar
  - Next Meeting- April 19th.
  - Earth Day April 22: 10:00-3:00 – N. Kosarych secured one booth with two tables inside. Also have been given time for public presentation at Band Shell. C. Davidson will make a Spotted Lantern fly presentation - how to identify and destroy egg sacks. Make a flier advertising 130th Anniversary Tree search - to hand out to residents. Also Spotted Lantern Fly flier and “How to plant trees” flier? Need to find out about the Purchase Order process - L. Bagwell to follow-up with Finance.

- Arbor Day – April 28: STC works with Arbor Day Foundation and Mayor reads a proclamation. Invited Graduating Class in past years. J. DeNoble will discuss timing with the BBES Art Teacher to determine timing for the ceremony.
- Spring Planting – April 29: J. DeNoble will complete nursery shopping and coordinate mark-outs.
  - N. Kosarych - mark outs at least 10 days in advance. Target 9:00 am in the morning.
  - L. Bagwell will ask Tree Expert Bill Brash if he is available. Location will be Second Avenue.
  - J. Weber will keep a list of volunteers. Will figure out if there is an existing distribution list to utilize.
  - L. Bagwell will keep a list of emails / contacts.
- Ordinance Correction Update: Council approved Ordinance Amendment to include a fine (\$100) for removing tree without permission.
- Commission Comments: None
- Liaison Comments: J. Weber thanked Council Colleague J. Denoble for covering recent meetings.
- Public Comments: None
- Close: 8:25 pm Motion to adjourn by N. Kosarych - Second by L. Bagwell. Approved unanimously.