

Minutes of the BBSTC - July 5th, 2023

- Call to Order by L. Bagwell at 7:02 pm
- Roll Call
 - Larry Bagwell - Present
 - Laurie Bagley - Not 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) – Not Present
- New Member – Laurie Bagley must resign due to work conditions. Caroline Davidson named by Larry Bagwell to move to full-time member to replace Laurie Bagley.
- Minutes for June 7, 2023 Meeting
 - T. Gavin asked if J. Naples is responsible for trimming of Main Street tree (Application 23-007). L. Bagwell confirmed “Yes”, Naples is responsible; the application was not approved. Tree Expert reviewed and confirmed that the tree well needs to be expanded and trimming is needed.
 - T. Gavin motioned to approve minutes. N. Kosarych seconded. All approved with exception of A. Gubitosi who abstained.
- Applications
 - 23-021 – 606 LaReine – remove 5 trees from property with replacements. A. Gubitosi commented - she spoke with owner who has concerns with squirrels and droppings but owner will take STC advice regarding what types of trees (not shrubs) to replace with. T. Gavin noted that the Holly tree is really nice tree and native. Cherry Laurel bush does not have a canopy like a Cherry Laurel tree - the bush does not survive well in the Northeast. Also might have a plumbing issue because tree roots only go where the water is. She lives in 606 1/2 - STC should suggest plantings of tree types, not bushes. L. Bagwell asks STC members to suggest tree species to suggest and Bagwell will forward recommendations to owner. Also ask if she might consider leaving the Holly tree. Require that replacements are trees - not shrubs. Motion to approve by T. Gavin, Second by A. Gubitosi. All members vote yes, with recommendation to keep Holly tree and to require replacement trees be native trees.

- 23-022 – 516 Monmouth – Remove 8 trees from property – most too close to house. L. Bagwell noted that 6 of 8 trees are too close to the house and that trees are in sad shape, need pruning. Two near the driveway looked ok. A. Gubitosi noted that she spoke with Son of owner and that they are selling the house. Son is open to placing one replacement tree in narrow planting strip. The one close to the house is a Red Oak - root is likely cracking the foundation. T. Gavin - This is an overplanted lot; “Trees are scraggly at best”. May be a good opportunity to recommend a few native trees that are narrow. J. Weber notes they are asking to waive fee but STC does not have this power - must be waived by Borough Council. A. Gubitosi and T. Gavin think all trees look “sickly”. Motion to table by C. Davidson to get more information. Second by A. Gubitosi. All agree.
- 23-023 – 322 McCabe – 1 live tree – Owner concerned that tree is leaning toward street. L. Bagwell spoke with owner and owner agreed that tree is “very strong” but crown needs to be pruned (conversation was in early June). Then a few weeks later owner complained about large limbs falling during storm. Also concerned about tree blocking handicapped access from parked car. T. Gavin feels it is a strong tree. A. Gubitosi agrees it is a good tree and it appears there is room for handicapped exiting car; tree should be pruned. C. Davidson suggested to try pruning before considering removal. T. Gavin makes motion to deny the application, L. Bagwell seconds. All members vote to deny with recommendation to trim the tree.
- 23-018 – 410 Brinley - Received application without fee payment. L. Bagwell has not yet received payment for the application. He will remove from agenda until the application fee is paid. Weber spoke with owner - stated the the owner MAY want to add a tree to the planting strip. If so, do not need the application fee.
- 23-019 – Robert Carroll? - Address not filled in. Received application without fee payment.
- 23-017 -- 101 Central Ave. Tabled last session. Two Birch trees and Tree Expert (Brash) confirmed that trees are diseased and confirmed that they should be removed.
- 23-020 -- Ruth Zimmerman, Ocean Park. Brash summarized tree status in report - saw no evidence of roots invading the front lawn. Roots are damaging the yard.

Wishing Tree Applications – 9 Applications to date (includes 3 left-over from April) for September.

- Honor Me Applications – 2 to date.
- Ms. Callahan medallion purchased (404 Third) – Will be installed momentarily.
- Bethanne Tinkler (HM) medallion replaced (Second Ave Park) - due to poor handwriting in original application.
- Community Outreach/Media
 - Tree of the month – July Posted. More positive FB feedback!
 - J. DeNoble working on August Tree of Month. Tax mailing already have over 1,000 stuffed. Need volunteers to stuff more. L. Bagwell will send out a n invite to organize by end of next week. Tax bills hould go out by mid month.
 - Tax Mailing insert with BBSTC flyer – Copies made. Mailing mid-July. Need envelope stuffer volunteers!
 - Search for Oldest Tree in Bradley Beach continues. J. Weber sent an email last night. N. Kosarych prefers medallion versus “Stand”. Hope to get “Press” coverage. J. Weber - hopes to find every tree older than Bradley Beach.
- Calendar - Next Meeting – discuss adding the third Wednesday of the month back to calendar. Ordinance requires response within 20 days which might necessitate two meetings per month. Discussion ensued about possible process changes to accommodate public notice requirements and minimal meeting frequencies. L. Bagwell will develop some options for STC to consider.
- Fall Planting Event – October 14, 2023 suggested to STC. All members agree. Weber is out of town.
- Budget Updates –
 - Agency reviewed submission, requested Financial Report updates. L. Bagwell working on updates and expects to complete within two weeks. Audit for 2022 turned up a few items to be researched
 - Larry B meeting with L Fox & Greg 7/5 to find Honor Me fees paid
- New Projects – 2nd Ave & Central? L. Bagwell spoke with Biagio and Dana at DPW. No progress yet.
- Sylvan Lake Project – 28 dead/dying Ash trees. Application submitted to TD Tree Days Program. Update – TD Bank asked STC to revise budget from \$21,000 to \$12,500 (20 trees).
- Commission Comments: None
- Liaison Comments: Weber - figure out “off line” how to measure trees and estimate ages. Probably later July time frame.
- Public Comments: None
- Close: Motion to Adjourn by T. Gavin; Second by N. Korsaych. All approve.