

BBSTC Minutes – Wednesday – April 3, 2024

- **OPMA Statement by Chair Bagwell:** O.P.M.A. At 7:01 p.m., Chair Bagwell declared the meeting open and properly advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.
- **Call to Order 7:06 pm** by L. Bagwell
- **Roll Call**
 - Larry Bagwell - Present *
 - Anne Gubitosi - Present *
 - Nick Kosarych - Present *
 - Noelle Weinberg - Present
 - Tom Gavin - Present *
 - Caroline Davidson - Present *
 - Susan Pearsall - Present
 - Jane DeNoble, Liaison - Present
 - John Weber, Liaison - Present
- **Minutes For Last Meeting.** L. Bagwell motions to accept as amended to include the Open Public Meetings Act notice language. A. Gubitosi seconds. Unanimous approval.
- **Applications:**
 - 24-007 – 512 Third Ave – Plant 1 tree (PS). L. Bagwell will reach out to Sisters of Mercy to see if they would like the STC to plant a “wishing tree” for them. Weber raised concerns about Maple tree requests - root system too shallow. Bagwell will test type of tree with Sisters. L. Bagwell motion to approve application. A. Gubitosi seconds. Unanimous approval.
 - 24-008 – 604 Bradley Blvd – Remove 1 tree (Private Property) plant replacement 2 trees. Tree is so large that owner needs to walk across neighbor’s yard to avoid the oversized tree. Owner will replace with two trees. L. Bagwell motions to approve application. A. Gubitosi seconds. Unanimous approval.
 - 24-009 – 204 Beach Ave – Remove 1 tree (Private Property) plant 3 replacements. Tree is on edge of open lot that is getting ready for construction. Owners would like Shade Tree input regarding what types of trees should be planted. Strange tree with a “Center trunk” and two “side trunks”. Homeowners prefer to replace with three new trees. T. Gavin motion to approve application. N. Kosarych seconds. Unanimous approval.
- **Resolution for Shade Tree Arborist.** STC needs to appoint an Arborist. L. Bagwell recommends to keep Bill Brash. N. Kosarych asks “How?” will Arborist be retained. L. Bagwell explains that it is “pay as we go” and this resolution is pre-approval / letter of understanding of plan to use Brash. T. Gavin motion to approve application. N. Kosarych seconds. Unanimous approval.
- **Wishing Tree Applications – To Date – 6**
- **Honor Me Applications – To Date – 6**

- Also looking at planting 10 or 11 trees on Main St. L. Bagwell thanks J. DeNoble, N. Weinberg, and T. Gavin for review of Main St. Tree wells. T. Gavin raised concern that some wells are in bad shape - some drop off and should be mulched. J. Weber suggested that the Governing Body will hold a workshop on April 10, 2024 to discuss having Borough take-over the Main Street Tree maintenance. Weber needs to determine if there is State permission needed on State Road. J. DeNoble suggested talking to store owners as courtesy to let them know trees are coming.
- Sylvan Lake would like to coordinate with the Shade Tree Commission regarding replanting of tree. Discussion ensued between A. Gubitosi, T. Gavin, and J. Weber as to whether the STC should pay for cost of Sylvan Lake Trees or if the Borough should pay? L. Bagwell will speak with the DPW Supervisor to determine whose budget it comes from.
- Discussion about Heritage Trees. N. Kosarych says that the State will interview homeowner to see if there is a history on the tree.
- Community Outreach/Media
 - Oldest Tree in Bradley Beach - N. Kosarych has now tagged 22 trees. More tags are in inventory.
 - Media – Coast Star and Coostar
 - N. Weinberg suggested that the NEXT tree of the Month could be a “new” one that they are purchasing from the Nursery and that might encourage people to purchase Honor Me trees.
- Ordinance Modifications – members are providing feedback to L. Bagwell. Bagwell will prepare a summary of feedback and recommendations and will share with the STC members.
 - Fees/Fines
 - 1 meeting per month
 - Revise Onboarding/removal of members - L. Bagwell working with Martin Keily (Code Enforcement)
 - Assessing fines process
 - Lot Clearing
- Calendar - Next Meeting – 4/3/2024
 - Additional meeting 4/17 – Spring Planting Event Planning (no Applications). Will go-over a task list for Spring Planting Event. Tree list and target locations. And preparing Honor Me Tree medallions.
 - Earth Day – 4/20 – 10:00 – 4:00 pm. N. Kosarych will follow-up on table cover. L. Bagwell will provide P.O. number. J. DeNoble asked if C. Davidson can present Latern Fly presentation. C. Davidson is willing to present again and wants to develop visual aids and examples.
 - May Meeting is May 1, 2024.
 - Arbor Day – 4/26 – 4:00 pm
 - Spring Planting Event – 5/4 – 9:00 am. L. Bagwell likes the site triangle drawing. Two of the 6 honor me trees have requested that triangle for planting.

- Memorial Day Parade – 5/25 – 10:00 am
- Budget Updates – Shade Tree Account: L. Bagwell believes it is up to \$17,300 or so.
- Commission Comments:
 - N. Kosarych - Do we want to follow Manasquan’s approach and allow residents to purchase at discount. Manasquan STC gets discounted pricing. STC would pick out trees and DPW would deliver when coordinating planting events. L. Bagwell wonders how successful the Manasquan events are? Likes the idea of encouraging residents to purchase trees but must balance against how much more work for the STC. L. Bagwell will discuss with B. Cofone (DPW Supervisor). Other members raised concerns that the STC is over-extending themselves.
 - L. Bagwell complemented J. DeNoble and N. Weinberg for work they completed with BBES students. Very well received.
 - N. Kosarych identifies that 30% of Canopy are London Plains trees and suggests that we diversify better - cease planting London Plain trees for now.
 - C. Davidson stated that Oak trees are largest and doing very well. We should encourage planting of Oaks. Some homeowners might complain about acorns?
- Liaison Comments
 - J. DeNoble Maple trees are good for parks but roots are too shallow for planting strip sidewalks.
 - J. Weber reminded members to come to Council meeting and listen to the Workshop on whether the Town should maintain Main St. trees.
- Public Comments: None
- Close: 8:22 pm

- Voting members for this meeting