

Agenda and Recap of BBSTC – Wednesday – January 7, 2026

- Call to Order 6:56 pm
- Safe Harbor statement: “In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice has been given to the designated newspapers Coast Star and posted on the Shade Tree Page of our Borough Website.
- Roll Call
 - Noelle Weinburg, Chairperson
 - Nick Kosarych, Vice Chair
 - Holly Mayer, Secretary
 - Jane DeNoble, Council Liaison
 - Mary Anne Greenburg
 - Paul Neshamkin
 - Larry Bagwell
- Absent: Michael Heidelberg
- Minutes For Last Meeting
 - Motion to approve: Paul, Second: Nick,
 - Nick, Noelle, Maryann, Paul approve minutes, Holly abstain, Larry abstains
- Welcome to Mary Ann Greenberg as a full Commission member
- Applications
 - No applications
- Wishing Tree Applications
 - 509 and 511 Lareine want one dead WT removed and 2 more planted
 - o Larry to follow up on getting paperwork
 - o Trees didn’t take root when planted. Likely we will be able to remove tree by ball and use the same hole. Unknown as to why it died.
 - o Larry to continue discussion with homeowners
 - WT 26-001: Received for 611 McCabe Ave. Noelle to add to the list and send out acknowledgement letter
- Honor Me Applications – To Date – 0 Rec’d one but was not a complete
- Community Outreach/Media
 - Media – Coast Star and Coaster
 - o Tree of the Month
 - May be running out of trees to highlight
 - An idea was brought up to bring in a historical society tree – then and now tree, show avenues with no trees. Paul to go through historical society photos.
 - There is a tree on Brinley – across from the school

- Committee Member Terms - 2026
 - Noelle Weinberg, Chair 12/31/2028
 - Nick Kosarych, Vice-chair 12/31/2026
 - Holly Mayer, Secretary 12/31/2027
 - Paul Neshamkin 12/31/2029
 - Mary Ann Greenberg 12/31/2030
 - Alternate: Larry Bagwell
 - Alternate: Michael Heidelberg
 - If any knows anyone else interested, please let Noelle know
- Spring Planting Event 2026
 - Larry just reached out to Brian McDonald of the DEP, and no date has been set yet. We will keep inquiring. Larry will see if we can suggest an alternate vendor if the DEP is not available. Perhaps if we can get the grant money, we can coordinate and contract with a vendor to do the planting.
 - Will add wishing and honor me trees to list.
 - All our requested trees may not be covered by the grant, so we will purchase trees and fill in whatever is left
 - We should clean-out/organize our shed and write inventory of what items are in the shed.
- Budget Updates –
 - Shade Tree Trust Account \$19,398
- New Business
 - What challenges do we see the STC facing moving forward?
 - Wishing tree application has wording that needs to be changed
 - Tree Removal and Planting follow up: Green card in window – easier to follow up on planting. Talk about it at next meeting.
 - Will not do zoom anymore. Alternate idea is to use Paul’s microphone. Only need 3 people for quorum
 - We want to plant a lot of trees and don’t have a lot of room.
 - Not an issue for Tree City certification.
 - NJ transit owned land cannot plant trees without approval.
 - Woody shrubs may be included. Beach appropriate shrubs may be possible by the beach.
 - Can we do a map through Bill Brash – map by streets. Inventory is updated and has open space. Grassy areas by the beach – can we plant shrubs? Mayor wants to bring back more natural habitat – Jane to tell mayor we want to help.
 - Horrible pruning by power companies – can we work with them?
 - Healthy pruning – Larry to reach out Bill Brash. Must ask attorney if we can recommend pruning. May be able to provide a list of experts. Can we survey residents for vendors that have done successful pruning? Spring Lake uses Aspen for pruning.
 - Private property – we have no authority to address bad pruning however, we can educate public about proper pruning.

- o Do we prune Main Street trees or not? May set precedent. Start with education. Could we come up with an incentive program? Could be part of Main Street renovation with grant. Jane to have CME put tree planning in plan.
 - o Could trim in Riley Park.
- Ideas of ways to plant more trees in increasingly scarce land?
 - o Sylvan Lake – plan is still in process
- How can we promote our presence in town in a positive way?
 - o Bradley Beach is the only town locally that weighs in on whether trees can be taken down. A new rule may require Shade Tree commissions to weigh in on tree removal so we may have been ahead of the curve.
 - o Calling residents on applications has been helpful
 - o Can we put wishing tree and honor me tree applications in sewer/tax bill
 - o Page on calendar with helpful hints
 - o Visual Aids at Fairs for kids, ideas for things to present
 - o Newspaper articles, Facebook Bradley Beach Community page, Tree of the month – put on Facebook. There is a Shade Tree Community Facebook page. Jane to give Noelle access.
 - o The Mayor’s newsletter – tips on pruning, monthly fun facts and tree of the month, tree quotes. Send to Amy Baker.
- Commission Comments
 - o Nick needs a copy of the proclamation that Al read for Arbor Day - Jane to send Al an email
 - o Continuing education – Nick to send to Holly to add to recap. DPW needs to do hours as well. DPW pays for their training
 - o <https://urbanforestry.rutgers.edu/njucfce/> the notes in the CORE training tabs are helpful
- Liaison Comments – Jane and Noelle sang to Larry – We love you Larry! Canopy will be enjoyed for years to come.
- Public Comments
- Motion to close 7:43. Nick K motion, Paul and Maryanne second. Unanimous approval to close meeting

Location: Main meeting room 701 Main Street, Bradley Beach, NJ

Next Meeting: February 4th, 2026, 7:00 pm