

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Minutes of the BBSTC

- Call to Order 7:00
- 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 the Borough Website." [And on the Borough Clerk's Bulletin Board.](#)
- Roll Call
  - Noelle Weinberg, Chairperson
  - Nick Kosarych, Vice Chair
  - Paul Neshamkin
  - Mary Anne Greenberg
  - Jane DeNoble, Council Liaison

Absent: Holly Mayer, Larry Bagwell, and Michael Heidelberg

- Minutes For Last Meeting
  - Motion to approve: Paul N.                      Second: Nick K.                      Vote: unanimous
- Applications – **None**
- Grant Program **No Update**
- Wishing Tree Applications - **To Date - 32**
  - Most, if not all, of these trees will be provided by the grant. Those that are not will be purchased and planted by STC.
  - 611 McCable
- Honor Me Applications – **None**
- Community Outreach/Media
  - I.     •           Media – Coast Star and Coastar -     **Tree of the month**
- Committee Members
  - 1 Alternate members roles available - [Michael Heidelberg has joined](#)
- Calendar - **Next Meeting Tentative March 11<sup>th</sup> 2026 (this will be a change from the usual 1st Wed of the Month, as we won't have a quorum)**
- Spring Planting Event – TBD - Noelle reached out to DEP via email. No reply as yet.
  - o Total trees for planting event at about 75
- Budget Updates – [Shade Tree Account: \\$19,386.88](#)
- Commission Comments
  1. Nick K. to author and submit Greenway Grant form required for \$5k from NJ Urban and Community Forestry. 25% of matching funds are required and can be completed using volunteer hours. Grant funds need to be used within five years of award.
  2. Jane provided copies of proposed Tree Removal Cards and proposed Ordinance. Discussion resulted in a recommendation for a change in fines. Cutting down a tree \$250 (currently the ordinance requires a \$100 fine), not returning 'green card' \$100
  3. Applications for tree removal will initiate process which includes a complete application, discussion with Shade Tree member to review process, if approved, letter of approval to

applicant (if not approved, discussion with member), followed by cards with description of process and application information. Cards will be approximately 4.25" x 5.5." Cards are to be displayed in windows or in a conspicuous place on the property facing the street. Ordinance changes to be approved by council. Jane to present to Mayor.

4. Suggestion to meet with Land Use and zoning to incorporate questions for any construction permit to include a question regarding any tree removal. Noelle and Jane to arrange a meeting with **code officer** to discuss.
5. Mary Anne to be added as administrator to Shade Tree Facebook page. Goal to post a minimum of 2 posts per month.
6. Paul will research historical pictures from the 1920's for oldest tree along with pictures. Paul to send to Nick to verify.
7. **Paul to author article on 'Planting in the 100 block in BB.**
8. Holly is working on organizing the Shade Tree Google documents
9. Mary Anne, Michael, and Noelle will take CORE training.
10. Noelle has reached out to DPW (Biagio, Dana) to see if DPW employees have had CORE training. No response yet.

- Liaison Comments

Incorporated in the commission comments

- Public Comments: None

- Close: Motion to close at 8:12 Mary Anne G. Second: Paul N. Vote: unanimous