

## Recap of the BBSTC – Wednesday– March 11, 2026

- Call to Order 6:59
- 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 Weinberg \_\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_\_
  - Nick Kosarych Excused Absence
  - Holly Mayer \_\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_\_
  - Paul Neshamkin \_\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_\_
  - Mary Anne Greenberg \_\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_\_
  - Michael Heidelberg \_\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_\_
  - Larry Bagwell \_\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_\_
  - Jane DeNoble, Liason \_\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_\_
  - Guests \_\_\_\_\_
- Minutes For Last Meeting
  - Motion to approve \_\_\_\_\_Paul\_\_\_\_\_
  - Second \_\_\_\_\_Mary Anne\_\_\_\_\_
  - Vote \_\_\_\_\_Unanimous\_\_\_\_\_
- Applications
  - No new Removal/Planting applications
- Wishing Tree Applications
  - Waiting on 1 WT application for Spring Planting – received and added to list. Neighbor had filled out the application.
- Honor Me Applications
  - App 26-002 received. Added to spring planting at Sylvan lake
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- Community Outreach/Media
  - Media – Coast Star and Coastar
    - o Tree of the Month
    - o Paul to find oldest tree in historical society info to do an article
    - o Would like to put all articles on Facebook
    - o Paul to do 'What to plant in the 100 Block' article. There is a salt resistant plant article in google drive for reference. Woody and shrubby pines do well close to the beach.
- Spring Planting Event 2026
  - Noelle has been in touch with Lisa Simms of Green Streets of the NJ Tree Foundation, who will be coordinating our planting. A vast majority of the trees we requested are available and purchased. (No serviceberries or Sycamores were available, so we subbed Crabapples and London Plane, as per Lisa Simm's recommendation).
  - 66 trees will be planted.

- Only planting on public property and planting strips. May not be able to plant on Elementary School as this is a Board of Education property.
- Green Streets will do the planting over the course of a week in May.
- They will use the Recycling yard as their staging area.
- We will be responsible for marking locations. Mark outs should be done within 6 days of when they call so please as Green Streets to let us know when they call.
- Green Streets will do everything else (ties, stakes, watering bag, etc.)
- I will reach out to the powers that be about a few issues: whether we can plant the 2 trees in Reilly Park – Larry said it was OK; if DPW can remove the trees we need them removed.
- We need to compile a finalized list of locations from which trees need to be removed – Noelle to complete. Will ask DPW to do this work.
- Jane is getting contact info for replacement tree locations so we can be sure the residents want a replacement tree – Jane is still working on this list.
- We should clean-out/organize our shed and write inventory of what items are in the shed. Green Streets will provide watering bags for all of our trees, so we should assess the ones in the shed and dispose of bags that no longer function. This can certainly wait for warmer weather and should not take long. Please let Noelle know if you are interested in helping clean out the shed.
- Please look at the planting event spreadsheet so you understand how to navigate through it.
- Budget Updates –
  - Shade Tree Trust Account ~\$15,000
  - Borough has changed the PO process, so Noelle no longer has access to the financial tools they use. She now has to submit for a PO instead of submitting a PO. She will figure out how to check the balances to report to the Commission.
- New Business
  - I would like to start a spreadsheet of all WT and HM and removal applications to be stored in the folders where we scan the actual applications. Is anyone able to help Holly and me with this? It will make cross referencing things much easier. Please be sure to put app # on app before scanning them into the drive.
  - Jane presented our idea of the card for tree removal to the Council and it was positively received and will be voted on. We just need to finalize our text and get them printed. Hopefully they will be ready in time for the first app of the year.
    - o The card for tree removal has been approved.
    - o We will start getting the supplies we need to make this happen.
    - o When someone applies to remove a tree, they will get a tree removal permit. Must stay in the window until the tree is planted. Once planted, the card is returned to town.
    - o Ordinances will be updated.
  - An issue was raised to me by a resident about a tree that he thinks was illegally removed on LaReine. We need to decide if we are going to retroactively act on unauthorized tree removals.

- o Will not do a retroactive look back.
- o Will start an education campaign about the process. I
- o If the tree is dead, do they have to pay \$50 – yes but don't have to pay for the replacement tree.
- o Will explore looking at the whole permit process when spring planting is done
- o Another tree issue was brought to my attention by a citizen. When I got to the site an hour later, I could not tell what had been removed. Thoughts on this issue? I do not want to encourage tattling on neighbors, but we also want to protect the trees.
- All members should review the HM and WT applications, tree removal application. The wording is somewhat confusing in places, as reported by residents. Send Noelle suggestions of changes we can make to make the instructions more easily understood by next meeting (4/1/26).
- Confirmation emails should be sent to WT and HM apps when we receive them. Should set expectations for planting timeframe, location. There is an email template.
- Commission Comments
  - GreenMe Grant – Nick to update next meeting
  - Would like to post on Facebook twice a month. Please send ideas to Noelle. Promote pruning, process of taking down a tree, tree of the month, etc.
  - Pollinator point needs a spring clean up – maybe BBES kids can help. Target 4/1 after 3:30 as weather permits. Could clean up shed the same day.
  - May add woody shrubs to pollinator point as flowers are not doing as well.
  - Classes online – Planting in city scapes and arbor one were good
- Liaison Comments
- Public Comments
- Close
  - Motion to close:     \_\_7:48 pm Michael\_\_\_\_\_
  - Second:             \_\_Paul\_\_\_\_\_
  - Vote:                 \_\_Unanimous\_\_\_\_\_

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

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026