

Recap of BBSTC meeting – April 1, 2026  
Updated: 5/12/2026

- 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 our Borough Website.
- Roll Call
  - Noelle Weinberg                      Excused Absence
  - Nick Kosarych                          Present
  - Holly Mayer                              Present
  - Paul Neshamkin                        Excused Absence
  - Mary Anne Greenberg                Excused Absence
  - Michael Heidelberg                  Excused Absence
  - Larry Bagwell                          Present
  - Jane DeNoble, Liaison                Present
  - Guests                                    Peter Sharp
- Minutes For Last Meeting
  - Motion to approve                      Nick
  - Second                                    Larry
  - Vote                                        Unanimous
- Applications
  - App 26-001: 508 5th Ave  
Motion to approve: Nick \_\_\_\_\_  
Second: Holly \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Unanimous \_\_\_\_\_  
**Notes: Ordinance 425-9 states that Pears and Tree of Heaven are invasive. No assessment**
  - App 26-002: 410 McCabe Ave  
Motion to approve: Nick \_\_\_\_\_  
Second: Larry \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Unanimous \_\_\_\_\_
- Wishing Tree Applications
  - WT 26-004: 208 5th Ave
  - **Will plant a Zelkova**
- Honor Me Applications
- Community Outreach/Media
  - Media – Coast Star and Coastar
    - Tree of the Month – **great article. Was posted to the Shade Tree Facebook page.**
    - STC FB page – **Jane gave Maryanne and Noelle access to post**
- Spring Planting Event 2026

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- I have been in touch with Lisa Simms of Green Streets of the NJ Tree Foundation.
- Green Streets will do the planting beginning May 5 and will start with the school trees.
- They will use the Recycling yard as their staging area.
- We will be responsible for marking locations – they will do everything else.
- Trees for DPW to remove have been marked. List will be sent to DPW by 04/01.
- Nick is contacting homeowners who want replacements. Larry asked if all recipients have been reminded of the planting since it has been a long time for some homeowners since the last communication. Larry will volunteer to contact homeowners to confirm they still want the tree and the placement. For the Honor Me trees, the homeowners should be told about the placement of the tree.
- Nick will contact Sylvan lake Commission to confirm planting of new trees and locations.
- We will clean-out/organize our shed and write inventory of what items are in the shed on April 1 at 2:00 - completed. Have 60 watering bags, stakes, a few signs, etc. Noelle has the inventory.
- We need to order the medallions for the spring planting. Concerns have been voiced that the medallions are rubbing the tree bark and damaging young trees. We are thinking of attaching cork to the back of the medallions. Other suggestions are welcome. Noelle and Jane to assess trunks that are getting bigger.
- It was noted that it takes 2 weeks for the medallions to come in once they are ordered.
- There is a tree on the NE corner of Hammond and 2<sup>nd</sup> – Amy Hall's brother's tree. The tree has grown around the medallion, and we were advised not to remove it as that may damage the tree.
- Arbor Day
  - Arbor day celebration will be postponed until the ginkgo tree is planted at BBES. This tree will be dedicated to the graduating class of 2026. The new date is 5/5 and Jane will request the mayor to say something as well as Noelle will say something on behalf of the commission.
  - Nick asked that pictures be taken and submitted to him for Tree City 2026 certification.
- Budget Updates –
  - Shade Tree Trust Account ~\$15,000
  - Borough has changed the PO process, so I no longer have access to the financial tools they use. I now submit for a PO instead of submitting a PO. I don't know how I can now check the balances to report to the Commission, but I will find out.
- 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 in the actual applications. Is anyone able to help Holly and me with this? It will make cross-referencing things much

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easier. Larry to look for 2024 and 2025 spreadsheet. Holly will start a 2026 spreadsheet.

- Everyone please take a look at the HM and WT applications. The wording is somewhat confusing in places, as reported by residents. Send me suggestions of changes we can make to make the instructions more easily understood.
- Commission Comments
  - Nick asked that Paul and Michael as the newest commission members put together a checklist/roles & responsibilities document for new members – what should be done the first year like completing core training, reading the ordinances, etc.
  - Pollinator Point cancelled and rescheduled to 4/15 at 9:00 am. Jane to ask the mayor to attend.
- Liaison Comments
  - Jane met with Paul Nowicki on the Main Street grant. The grant is \$3M and currently contains a plan to plant 131 trees. Jane asked the commission to review the list of trees and give recommendations.
  - Jane did a Facebook post regarding Crape Myrtles are the new ‘tree of heaven’ for the spotted lantern flies
- Public Comments
  - Peter Sharp from 301 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave attended and asked for some guidance. He had a beautiful Ash tree in his yard, but he lost 2 major branches this past winter and a 3<sup>rd</sup> branch is split. The commission let him know they don’t give recommendations for arborists, but we have utilized Bill Brash and Aspen in the past. Peter would like to plant a seedling from the original tree if he has to take the tree down. He will fill out the application after consulting with an expert.
- Close
  - Motion to close at 7:41 pm: Holly\_\_\_\_\_
  - Second: Nick\_\_\_\_\_
  - Vote: Unanimous\_\_\_\_\_

Next Meeting: May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7:00 pm

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