

Minutes of the BBSTC Meeting - May 6, 2026

Updated: 5/10/26

- Call to Order 6:59 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 Weinberg Present
 - Nick Kosarych Present
 - Holly Mayer Present
 - Paul Neshamkin Present
 - Mary Anne Greenberg Present
 - Michael Heidelberg Excused Absence
 - Larry Bagwell Present
 - Jane DeNoble, Liason Present
 - Guests Nick Anderson
- Minutes For Last Meeting
 - Motion to approve Nick K
 - Second Noelle
 - Vote Unanimous
- Applications
 - App 26-003: 804 Hammond Avenue
 - Motion to approve Nick
 - Second Paul
 - Vote Unanimous
 - Notes: This is a removal of a tree on PP (private property). She wants to replace with arborvitae. I asked her kindly to consider a deciduous tree and gave her a few suggestions, then directed her to our approved list for inspiration. NOTE: on the front of the app, the diameter is listed as 5"-8" and on the back it is 33". Both are wrong. This tree is in the 8"-17"DBH (diameter at breast height) category, so one replacement is in order.
 - App 26-004: 110 Hammond Avenue
 - Motion to approve Holly
 - Second Nick
 - Vote Unanimous
 - Notes: This is a 17" DBH PP Bradford Pear that is ruining the retaining wall and front walk. She will replace with another deciduous tree, most likely a redbud.
 - App 26-005: 410 Brinley Avenue
 - Motion to approve Maryanne
 - Second Paul
 - Vote Unanimous
 - Notes: This is a removal of a 17" DBH London Plane in the PS (planting strip). The tree is directly adjacent to the sewer access, and the homeowner will have to repair his sewer line, as it is now entangled with roots. The sewer work will likely

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damage the tree. He will be replacing the tree in the planting strip, farther away from the sewer access. I sent him the link to the approved trees for planting strips. He asked that we help finance the tree removal of which we declined. Will need a green card.

- App 26-006: 112 Ocean Park Avenue

Motion to approve Nick
Second Holly
Vote Unanimous

Notes: This is a removal of an 8"-17" DBH tree (cherry plum) in the PS. The tree is dead. Homeowner will replace with a river birch in the PS.

- App 26-007: 420 Burlington

Motion to approve Maryanne
Second Holly
Vote Unanimous

Notes: Nick brought up a concern about razing an entire lot to build new construction, planting smaller trees, and how it will impact our tree canopy. Future topic for discussion will be to determine if we should add something to the ordinance for this circumstance.

- App 26-008: 133 Lake Terrace on the Cliff St side

Motion to approve: Paul
Second: Nick
Vote: Unanimous

Notes: Dangerous tree - code enforcement had reached out. Permit Fee waived. May have an assessment.

- Wishing Tree Applications

Rec'd 1 - may be a next spring planting.

- Honor Me Applications

- A resident getting a WT asked for a medallion for the tree. I declined to provide one (as they are only for HM trees) but sent them the info for Big Hug so they can order their own for the tree on their property.

Recommend another placard so we keep the integrity of the Honor Me placard for Honor Me trees.

- Community Outreach/Media

- Media – Coast Star and Coastar

o Tree of the Month -

Other ideas for tree of the month include trees we planted, constructing a calendar of the Tree of the Month

Paul brought a series of 1920s historic postcards with trees - Surfer Village. Paul to scan the postcards and send to the commission.

o STC FB page

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Social Media has a spike in engagement due to the planting.
Would like to post videos, more activities on planting, and the value of trees.

- Spring Planting Event 2026

- I have been *very much* in touch with Lisa Simms of Green Streets of the NJ Tree Foundation.
- Green Streets will do the planting beginning May 5.
- They will use the Recycling yard as their staging area.
- We will be responsible for marking locations—they will do everything else.
- DPW did a great job removing trees from needed locations. Big thank you to DPW.
- Medallions are ordered. We will try to glue cork to the back of them to see if that stops the damage to the bark from rubbing.
- Jane, Holly, and Noelle marked out all of the planting sites—thank you Jane and Holly.

Tree foundation folks were part of the planting activity. Ryan will be invited to Arbor Day celebration.

Most people are very happy with their trees.

Will buy lunch for the crew on Thursday and pizza for DPW on Friday.

Noelle sent an email to all tree recipients with instructions. Jane will get stickers to place on the watering bags which will indicate where to put in the water.

Noelle will send weekly watering reminders as well.

- Arbor Day

- Arbor day celebration will be Friday , May 8 at 1 pm at the school. Please arrive 15 minutes early to help set up.
- As that is right after lunch, what treats can we provide? (We usually provide pizza after school).
- Mayor will be there to read the proclamation
- BBES will fly a Tree City USA Flag
- Thank you, Dr. Heidelberg and Mrs. Sauer for helping us out with this celebration.

Dr. Heidelberg joined the meeting via phone and said the new trees are great!

Microphone will be provided by the school and DPW will set up a podium.

Jane D will reach out to Coaster and Coast Star.

Nick to give tablecloth to Noelle and Larry to bring 6ft table.

Poems and art work by the students will be shared at the celebration. Please send copies of poems and artwork to Nick.

Mayor will read the proclamation - Paul to get a plastic sleeve.

Photos will be taken. Michael to make sure all kids have consent forms.

- Budget Update

- Shade Tree Trust Account ~\$19,000

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- New Business
 - The Borough would like our help in planning/executing the Semiquincentennial Celebration on July 1 at Riley Park. I forwarded the email to you all with the agenda. Thoughts on how we can contribute?
Can we highlight the two new trees planted in Riley Park?
Offer an Honor Me Tree as a door prize.
Let Noelle know if anyone wants to volunteer to help with event.
 - **Maryanne to help Nick with Grant writing.**
 - Did anyone take a look at the HM and WT applications, as asked last month? 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.
 - 707 Hammond: A tree was taken down without approval. We alerted the zoning official and he sent a letter to the homeowner telling them to contact STC ASAP. As per the ordinance, we will offer an opportunity for the homeowner to rectify the situation. If they do not, they will be fined as per the ordinance (\$200).
 - We would like to raise the fine for illegal removal of trees to \$1000. (see handout for proposed language)
Will hold a separate meeting to discuss. Murphy had made some changes to include mulch.
 - Councilwoman DeNoble asked STC to prepare a planting plan to present to the Sylvan Lake Commission. (see handout) The original plan included 21 trees of only 2 species.
Submitted response.
 - Councilwoman DeNoble has asked STC to offer to collaborate on a plan for the Main Street plantings as well. That plan has 137 trees of only 5 species. STC has drafted a letter and given it to Councilwoman DeNoble.
Submitted response. Lisa Simms will review. Would prefer phased approach but all trees will be planted at the same time.
 - Shed Inventory
 - o We have 61 watering bags, so we will offer them to the Sylvan Lake plantings.
 - o A few stakes, wire and hose, and a stake driver.
 - o The Little insect/bird stakes from the scavenger hunt
 - o A few planting tools, and a rake.
 - o Lots of spiders, living and deceased.
Need mesh ties that were used in the planting event instead of wire.
Will order root cutters, sledge hammer and some other tools.
Biagio will bring over stakes for storage.
 - Core Training
 - o Noelle, Michael and Mary Anne completed
Paul to complete next spring.

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Please let Nick know if you have completed any training.
NJ Shade Tree Federation website lists many CEU classes.

- Commission Comments

Holly to send Erica meeting minutes to be published on the website.

The school is planning a Night at the School on 5/21 at 6:00 pm - all are welcome!

There will also be focus groups meeting to discuss the school - all are welcome to participate.

Noelle will invite Ryan (from the Tree Foundation) to a future meeting to discuss pruning techniques because he lives in town.

- Liaison Comments

Great job on planting event - thank you! \$40K grant, 66 trees planted, a lot of work!

- Public Comments

402 Ocean Park

Grass won't grow in the planting strip because of dogs.

According to the ordinances, grass and approved trees are the only options for the planting strip.

There are some planting strips with rocks that were grandfathered in but rocks cause problems for the street sweeper.

Recommendations included sending a soil sample to Rutgers for testing to recommend chemicals to counteract dog feces and urine. There are some local nurseries that also perform soil testing.

Other recommendations included aeration and watering heavily.

- Close

- Motion to close: Nick
- Second: Paul
- Vote: Unanimous

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