

Recap of the BBSTC Meeting

July 1, 2026

- Call to Order 7:00 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 Excused Absence
 - Mary Anne Greenberg Present
 - Michael Heidelberg Excused Absence
 - Larry Bagwell Present
 - Jane DeNoble, Liaison Present
 - Guests None
- Minutes For Last Meeting
 - Motion to approve Nick K
 - Second Holly
 - Vote Unanimous
- Applications
 - App 26-011: 708 Fletcher Lake Ave:
This application is currently on hold awaiting a tree assessment by Bill Brash
Bill Brash assessed the wrong house. This tree is a southern Oak which is diseased. A sample is being sent out.
Motion to approve N/A
Second N/A
Vote Application on hold
 - App 26-012: 303 2nd Ave:
An application was approved last year to take one tree down as the driveway was being redone. There are an additional 3 dead trees with no plans for replacement right now. Noelle will inform the homeowner to fill out an application so we can keep track of the new trees in the inventory
Motion to approve Maryanne
Second Nick
Vote Unanimous
 - App 26-013: 402 5th Ave:
Tree is infested with carpenter ants and beetles. Randi paid the \$50 but didn't need to because the tree is considered dead.
Motion to approve Holly
Second Maryanne
Vote Unanimous

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- Wishing Tree Applications
- Honor Me Applications
- Community Outreach/Media
 - Media – Coast Star and Coastar
 - Tree of the Month
 - We have a new logo so we will have to update all our applications
 - STC FB page: Amy posted the flyer & pics from pollinator point on FB.
 - Maryanne suggested the Trevio software which could help with the timeliness of posting our social media. We will monitor the situation and assess it in a few months.
 - Jane will put up a post on the old Shade Tree Commission FB page which points to the new location
 - Noelle will review her posts to see if she can archive any older posts
- Spring Planting Event 2026
 - All our HM medallions are officially in place!
 - Treekeepers event will be officially completing this grant from last fall. **One additional person, beyond a shade tree commission member, has signed up.**
- New Business
 - The WT application has been revised a little bit to make it clearer. Thanks to Kathy (Nick's wife) for taking care of it. The new app is in the Google Drive. **Larry – can you help with getting the application to the correct place so it shows up when you click the link on the Shade Tree page?**
 - 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). Update: we have still not heard from the homeowners. I will contact Code Enforcement to see if he has any updates. Holly made a new folder in the Google Drive for Code violations.
 - There is a dangerous branch on a large, healthy tree at 415 2nd. I emailed Code Enforcement on 06/26/2026.
 - Holly added a folder for articles, so whenever we write one, let's put them in.
 - Bill Brash was called upon to look at 2 trees: 404 Brinley (homeowner was concerned that sewer line replacement would damage tree) was declared healthy and not at risk from sewer line replacement; 708 Fletcher Lake (app 26-011) is awaiting the report from Bill Brash and so is on hold.
 - **There is a London Plane that we would like Bill Brash to look at on Central and 2nd. Noelle to contact Bill.**

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- Pollinator Point:
 - Always Shore Landscaping has begun maintenance of PP, and prepped BB for new bushes. **The entire PO got paid and we will submit another one if the fee goes over the total already paid.**
 - I got clearance from Pleasant Run nursery to purchase replacement blueberry bushes and some other replacement plants for PP (Hyssop, viburnum). Plants will not be ready for pickup until after July 15th.
 - Thank you to all who could help spread the mulch in BB.
- Alliance for Community Trees membership was renewed for 2026, and the 2025 membership was paid for.
- **Maryanne offered to help Nick with grant writing.**
- Nick and Noelle met with Grace Temple, Ryan Bellinger, and Brian MacDonald from NJ Forest Service regarding the Canopy grant. We are not eligible for that grant because our tree plan is expired. They counseled us to instead apply for a grant that will allow us to update our tree plan, and next year we can try to get the canopy grant. Nick is working on that.
- Treekeepers flyer has been sent out to many: our new tree recipients, local STCs, and a few others. Please share it as much as you possibly can! Workshop is on Saturday, July 18, 9-12. We all get 3 CEUs, which we need for this new grant and to maintain Tree City Status, so please try to attend.
- We are getting a lot of questions via email concerning proper procedure for taking down trees. I will take this as a sign that our presence is growing in the Borough. **An email procedure template is available.**
- We do need to do a walk around town and check our WTs. There may need to be some simple pruning done, and some maintenance or removal of stakes. Let's try to schedule this after the Treekeepers workshop. **We want to check out WT and HM trees as there is a dead one in triangle park. DPW can take down the tree, and the HM medallion can be moved to another tree.**
- Commission Comments
 - **Nick said there is damage on trees from the late frost, and the trees need to be trimmed. We should also look at the orange and yellow trees from the tree inventory. He suggested a letter to the homeowner recommending the trees need pruning and care. Nick to make a list of the yellow and orange trees. He asked the commission to send him a list of any tree that doesn't look so good.**
 - **Larry – has updated the list of commission members with actual start dates. Noelle will send it to mayor and BA to confirm dates.**
 - **Holly asked if we should add more people to the commission. Will reassess at a later date.**
 - **Noelle will ask Matt D about TapInto**
- Liaison Comments
 - **We would like to raise the fine for illegal removal of trees to \$1000. (see handout for proposed language). Jane, did you submit this?**
 - **There was a suggestion to communicate the change via the tax and sewer bill and add to the town calendar**

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- Need to validate who gets the fee
- Public Comments
- Close 8:01 pm
 - Motion to close: Maryanne
 - Second: Nick
 - Vote: Unanimous

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