

Minutes of the BBSTC – Wednesday – February 7, 2024

- Call to Order 7:01 (A. Gubitosi motion; Kosarych Second; Unanimous approval to open meeting.)
- Roll Call
 - Larry Bagwell - Present
 - Anne Gubitosi - Present
 - Nick Kosarych - Present
 - Noelle Weinberg - Present
 - Tom Gavin - Absent
 - Carolyn Davidson - Present
 - Susan Pearsall - Present
 - Jane DeNoble, Liaison - Absent
 - John Weber, Liaison - Absent

 - Al Gubitosi - Joined 10 minutes at 8:15 pm
- Minutes For Last Meeting (A. Gubitosi motion; Kosarych Second; Unanimous approval)
- Applications:
 - 24-002 – 606 5th Ave – Remove 3 trees (Priv) - All 3 on private property. Trees just removed PRIOR to STC approval. L. Bagwell noted some “center rot” on tree located on the far east side of property. A. Gubitosi asked if homeowner will replace? Not noted by homeowner in application. L. Bagwell will notify the homeowner of the amounts owed. Bagwell motion; Kosarych Second to approve with conditions to replace or pay for replacements.
 - 24-003 – 212 Brinley Ave – Remove 1 tree (Planting Strip) with 2 replacements. Bagwell motion; Kosarych Second to approve with conditions to replace or pay for replacements.
 - 24-004 – 409 Newark Ave – Remove 1 tree (Planting Strip) 2 replacements. Asked to remove because building will be demolished. Trip hazard. 91 year old tree. Replacement tree is native to North Carolina and mountain locations, requires shade. C. Davidson questioned its salt tolerance? L. Bagwell wil show “Approved Tree” list to use for replacements. Maybe suggest “Red Bud” alternative? Kosarych motion, C. Davidson

second to approve with conditions to use native tree alternatives. Unanimous approval.

- 24-005 – 415 Park Place Ave – Remove 3 trees (Priv) 5 replacements. Twelve months allowed to replace - per L. Bagwell not “hard and fast” rule. C. Davidson suggests that Japanese Tree Lilac will behave Invasively; may need alternative. Applicant is present and states they can be flexible on replacements. Hollies are good replacement choice. Gubitosi motion, Bagwell second to approve with conditions that will do additional research on replacements that might be more applicable. Unanimous approval.

- Wishing Tree Applications – To Date: 1. Would have liked more at this point. Would like more applications. L. Bagwell suggests that he will knock on doors in his neighborhood AND will speak with DPW to see if there are public spaces that could use trees. N. Weinberg mentioned that there are two large areas on Second Ave down by beach that could use trees. L. Bagwell will follow-up to see if it is possible to plant trees in these spaces (Second Ave median) for Spring Planting. N. Kosarych asks if J. DeNoble can put in plug for Wishing Trees in the next “Tree of the Month” posting.
- Honor Me Applications – To Date: 0. There are 2 applications in process. Missed opportunity to do mailings after last month’s meeting.
- Core Training – S. Pearsall signed up for Rutgers course. N. Kosarych will send info / links to training for N. Weinberg and A. Gubitosi. C. Davidson will check if course credits received for STC “credits”.
- 2023 Accomplishments Report: N. Kosarych completed and submitted. Will present accomplishments to the Council on February 14.
- Community Outreach/Media
 - Oldest Tree in Bradley Beach. Good reactions. State will visit in the fall and identify “Heritage Trees”. L. Bagwell reminded the Commission of the interest in making a map of “Oldest Trees” but would need to get homeowner approval.

- Media – Coast Star and Coastar. No updates.
- Calendar - Next Meeting – 3/6/2024
- Budget Updates – Shade Tree Account \$15,057.74
- Commission Comments
 - L. Bagwell: Want to go through approvals and make sure replacements have been completed (after waiting one year). 40 permits in 2023 and 35 permits in 2022. Weinberg and Pearsall volunteer to assist in completing the 2022 inventory review.
 - L. Bagwell: Ordinance updates: Fines for ignoring the STC Ordinance? Community has had time to learn/understand that the STC exists and that it is residents' responsibility to comply. L. Bagwell will discuss with DPW.
 - N. Kosayrch - STC needs to do better job of getting credits; e.g.: Spotted Lantern Fly online? State will offer \$20k to take training to manage Spotted Lantern Flies? Business Administrator shared info - STC needs to determine the logistics. There is a company available to spray and could use grant funding to reimburse spraying. Application deadline is November 2024.
 - Possible to staff a table for Earth Day - some concerns about a few members not available.
 - Arbor Day - some concerns about a few members not available.
 - May 4th for Spring Planting - some concerns about a few members not available.
- Liaison Comments: None
- Public Comments: Councilman Gubitosi joined to update on potential Ordinance amendments. Discussion of possible amendments included: Need to update for State Statute changes (Stormwater related?). Can consider other amendments as well: Move “Days” from 20 Business Days to 23 Business days (or more?); Fines for non-compliance? Require Bonding - similar to Spring Lake - or

Deposits for promised replacement trees (Better manage people flipping houses who promise to replace and then sell, leaving new owners owing replacements)? Criteria to remove members if poor attendance? Suggestion that STC members can collect ideas and share with Weber and DeNoble. Copy or "Leverage" language from other statutes that the STC members like.

- Close at 8:24 pm. Motion by L. Bagwell, N. Kosarych second. AII approved.