

Borough of Red Bank  
Shade Tree Committee  
May 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Remedios Quiroz.

Members Present: Boris Kofman, Mike Kosberg, Debbie Marks, Remedios Quiroz

Absent: Bill Brooks

Ex-officio member: Erik Yngstrom (left at 7:30)

Guests: none

**Topics Discussed** (updates in *italics*)

1. *April 17, 2018 meeting minutes approved.*
2. Zone 3 inventory update. Will start in the spring. *Sunday afternoon.*
3. Ordinance 490-81.B(1) says, "Evergreen trees and/or shrubs shall be of a type acceptable to the municipal agency and shall generally conform to the type categories shown on a list of suggested trees and shrubs available from the administrative officer (the designations Type A, B, etc., refer to such list)." Currently using an older version of the STC list. Suggested referring to the online version. Erik to follow up.
4. Spring Planting. NJTF planted the 7 Elms on April 17. *Invoice needs to be approved - Remedios.*
5. Primary School Access Road – Mike will make a list of recommended species. Per Cliff, first 200' need screening trees, the rest can be any trees. Planting will take place fall '18 or spring '19.
6. Arbor Day activity – *Gave out 200 tree seedlings from NJDEP on April 21 at the Earth Day Expo. Boris, Debbie and Remedios were at the event. Arbor Day Proclamation was read by the mayor at the April 25 meeting.*
7. Tree City USA – *The banner was flown at the Borough Hall.*
8. CEUs.
  - a. Urban Forest Connections Webinar 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. *Boris attended on May 9.*
  - b. *Webinar: Storm-Resilient Urban Forests. May 23, 1-2 pm.*
9. Consider changing the ordinances to measure trees in caliper (4") instead of DBH (2").
10. NJUCF Stewardship Grant. *Application for \$30K sent to NJUCF.*
11. Consider using bio-barriers to increase tree longevity – Bill will investigate.
12. *RiverCenter Streetscape Project. Remedios will represent STC. Recommendations: OK to remove existing trees. Plant new trees all along the walkway in existing locations plus 3 or 4 more closer to White St, for a total of 8 or 9. Larger tree pits. Lights should not be near trees (recessed lights under sidewalk). Consider using tree fences. On White St, the London Plane on the corner of the driveway is topped and can be replaced. The other one further east is in good shape. There seems to be room for a tree on the south side of White St closer to Broad St.*
13. *Free trees from ACE - [https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=10156447578798421&id=6239388420](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10156447578798421&id=6239388420)*

**Maintenance/planting requests**

1. 251 Mechanic - Road Program tree is dead. Notified T&M. Tree has been removed. The replacement should be on High St. Remedios contacted T&M. Erik is following up.
2. Public access path at end of Bank St. – The developer planted 15 red oaks along the path. Four appear dead, the rest are stressed out. There are also mulch volcanoes. T&M (Ed Herrman) responded that the maintenance bond is until 7/29/18 and recommends inspecting the trees in the spring. The ultimate decision is up to Glenn Carter.
3. Garfield PI - Zelkovas next to Walgreens are dead or dying. T&M (Ed Herrman) responded that the bond is until 2/10/18, but could do the inspection this fall. The ultimate decision is up to Glenn Carter. Recommend replacements in the same area. Glenn confirmed that the new trees will be maintained for a year.
4. Mohawk Pond - Nissan on Newman Springs Rd indicated that some trees on the park side of the may be hazardous. Bill reported that 4 trees need to be removed. DPU got a quote. DPU will pay for the work. Requisition issued. Waiting for ground to be less soggy for equipment. Cliff will ask car dealership if equipment can use their parking lot. Should ornamental trees be planted as replacement? Will decide after the trees are removed.
5. County trees. Bill is working with the County Div. Of Shade Tree (George Nobel) on getting hazardous trees removed.

6. 44 Madison Ave. Homeowner request to have have the Red Maple removed because its roots are damaging the sewer line. Bill reported that the tree is mostly healthy, but has some basal rot. The solution is to replace the sewer line so it doesn't leak. But given its location, it should be removed and replaced with a more suitable species. Scheduled to be removed 4/17, along with #40, per Bill's recommendation.
7. Storm Damage:
  - a. 175 Shrewsbury Ave - Bradford Pear – large limb torn off; previously approved for removal by developer. County ROW. **Bill** will request the County to remove it.
  - b. 152 Broad St - Bradford Pear – large limb torn off; County ROW. **Bill** will request the County to remove it.
8. 171 Hudson Ave. Neighbor at #167 is concerned about the limb over her property. Bill recommends pruning the end of the limb. Removing the whole limb would be detrimental to the tree's health. Added to the maintenance list.
9. 30 Bank St. - Norway Maple vandalized and needs to be removed.
10. Broad Street Sidewalk Question – Remedios requested the address.
11. 14 Locust Ave - Bosque Elm got its main leader damaged badly. Prune the leader for now.  
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/KopIDRmB8X2HsuM32>
12. 24 Irving Pl. Homeowner requested a tree again (replacement for the one felled during Sandy). STC had offered one to them in 2014, but it was declined at the time.
13. 69 Washington St – new tree died.
14. 11 Allen Pl. - **Debbie** will follow up with the homeowner about replacement trees.

### **Planning/Zoning Board Applications**

1. Bank of America at 170 Broad St - recommend lights not shine on the trees.
2. 18 Hubbard Park - no comments.
3. 35 Rector Pl. There are 3 trees in front yard. What will happen to them? If the either of the two closer to the street is removed, then a street tree should be planted.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 19, at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Boris Kofman, Secretary

CC: Shade Tree Committee, Mayor & Council, Planning and Zoning Director Glenn Carter, Public Utilities Director Cliff Keen, Borough Engineer Gregory Valesi, Borough Clerk Pamela Borghi