

Borough of Red Bank
Shade Tree Committee
February 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Remedios Quiroz.

Members Present: Bill Brooks, Boris Kofman, Debbie Marks, Remedios Quiroz

Absent: Mike Kosberg

Ex-officio member: Councilman Erik Yngstrom

Guest: DPU Director Cliff Keen

Topics Discussed (updates in *italics*)

1. *January 17, 2107 meeting minutes approved.*
2. Tree Bank. Investigate where there was no room to plant a tree to pay into a tree bank. – need an ordinance. *Bill brought a copy of the ordinance from Rumson. Erik will review it with the Borough Attorney.*
3. Bill reported that Red and Black Oaks are susceptible to a fungus. A mature tree in Fair Haven, with no visible external issues, fell due to core rot. Mature Red Bank trees, especially Red Oaks and Sycamores should be examined. Bill is working with Cliff. *Suggest doing a windshield survey of all public trees.*
4. CFMP – need to get the Planning Board to add it to the Master Plan.
5. Zone 2 inventory update – will start in spring.
6. Marine Park construction – Erik requested DPU to protect the trees. *Cliff will follow up.*
7. 2016 Accomplishments Report. *Mayor signed it and sent it to the State.*
8. Tree City USA. *Boris applied online.*
9. *64 Sunset (& Leighton) – Red Maple hit by snow plough. Needs to be removed.*
10. *West Side Lofts –Chris Cole will present the revised landscape plan in the next few weeks.*
11. *2015 CSIP Grant. Tree inspection scheduled for May 12.*
12. *CEUs.*
 - a. *Remedios and Boris attended the webinar on Trees & Stormwater Runoff (1 CEU).*
 - b. *CORE - April 8 at Rutgers.*
 - c. *Ruben Romero Vazquez would like to take more courses – Boris sent Cliff some suggestions.*

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.*
2. 185-187 Mechanic St – resident concerned that the Norway Maple is diseased and dropping dead branches. Boris took a look. It doesn't seem to be an eminent hazard, but there's die-back and leaf scorch. Suggest keeping an eye on it for now and see how it looks in the spring.
3. 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 volcanos. Remedios notified T&M.
4. 3 Brown Pl. – homeowner would like a tree in the planting strip. The strip is only about 2'. *Bill explained to the homeowner that that the strip is too narrow for planting.*
5. Garfield Pl - Zelkovas next to Walgreens are dead or dying. Remedios notified T&M.
6. Pruning & removals – Remedios sent Cliff the list. DPU removed all except 69 E. Bergen and 63 Madison (JCP&L needs to remove the guy-wire first). The rest need to be contracted out. Remedios sent the list to Cliff and will follow up with Maria Rotolo about the PO. Boris sent the updated list to Bill.
7. N. Prospect Ave – resident emailed about the trees being removed on the bulkhead. Stanley stated that one tree was bad, but both trees needed to be taken out since the contractors needed access to build the bulkhead. He also stated that one of the trees would in time, jeopardize a retaining wall. Stanley said he spoke with both homeowners at the end of the street on the river. *Remedios followed up with the resident.*
8. 55-57 South St. Homeowner wants the Red Maple removed in order to have access to the new parking space. *Bill will explain to the homeowner that STC is not in favor of removing the tree.*
9. Spring planting – 11 trees (7 Black Tupelos, 4 Serviceberries). PO has been issued and can be used in the spring. NJTF will let us know when the nursery has trees available.

10. Come up with a selection of trees for typical small lots that the Planning & Zoning Dept can give to applicants. – **Bill & Mike**.
11. 74 McLaren (on William) – neighbors report the Norway Maple is dropping branches. Will follow up in the spring. Bill thinks it should be removed. **Remedios** will ask Cliff to remove it.
12. Cliff will notify STC whenever any construction is being done.
13. Road Program – E. Bergen, Pearl, west side of Leighton, Gold St. parking lot. part of Manor Dr. are being considered. Cliff will keep STC in the loop.
14. 135 Harding Rd – homeowner is concerned about the heavy branches along the sidewalk. Remedios responded. **Bill** will take a look.
15. 22 Wallace St – homeowner concerned about the sidewalk lift by the Honeylocust. May be able to cut the top root. Need to lift the sidewalk and look. **Remedios** will follow up with homeowner and Cliff.

Planning/Zoning Board Applications

1. The Courtyard at Red Bank. Propose Green Giant Arborvitae, 10-12' height, 5' on center. STC is OK with it. STC recommends 2 trees on Prospect Ave or on the lawn. Zig proposed Yellowwood. STC subsequently recommended 3 trees on Prospect Ave. Mr. Pannek pointed out that the front yard has a lot of landscaping and the sidewalk would be less than 4' if trees were planted. Mike agreed. Instead of planting threes, Ms. Carvalho proposed contributing \$500 to the Shade Tree Fund in order to plant 2 trees elsewhere in the boro. Remedios said that it would cost about \$700 to plant 2 trees. Ms. Carvalho said they will check with the applicant and get back to us. Mike made a motion to accept \$700 in lieu of planting trees there, seconded by Remedios. Motion passed unanimously. The condo association approved a donation for \$750. Zoning Board approved the application. The Zoning Board decided that it was not appropriate to take a donation from the applicant. Debbie contacted the ZB Attorney for a clarification. Meeting between Department Heads and Committee Chairs being planned. *Bill and Debbie attended the meeting with the Zoning Board on 2/16. Explained what STC does.*
2. *Two River Theater. Recommendation: plant ornamental or small shade trees in the following areas: "Seeded Lawn", bump out on Wilson, east side of the new addition.*

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 21, at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Boris Kofman, Secretary

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