

Borough of Red Bank  
Shade Tree Committee  
May 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

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

Absent:

Ex-officio member:

Guests: Cliff Keen

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

1. *April 16 meeting minutes approved.*
2. *Zone 4 inventory update. Boris & Lou DiMento did Locust, Oakland, De Forrest.*
3. *CEUs. Urban Forest Connections Webinar 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. Boris attended a webinar.*
4. *NJUCF Stewardship Grant. \$30K has been awarded.*
  - a. *Sent the Planting & Maintenance Plan to state. Plan approved. If the planting isn't done this spring, will need to amend the grant.*
  - b. *Sent RFQ to 3 contractors. Nurseries don't have trees.*
  - c. *Cliff will request a grant extension.*
5. *Seedlings for Arbor Day. 275 seedlings were given out during the Earth Day Expo on April 28.*
6. *Arbor Day Proclamation read by the mayor at the Council meeting.*
7. *Tree City USA designation granted - 13th year. The sticker was placed on the road signs on W. Front St. The sign on Broad St. is gone.*
8. *White St. streetscape project. Suggested planting trees along the new path through the parking lots. The northern section of the sidewalk will have Pencil Hollies, but the southern section will have no trees. Remedios will request them. London Planetrees on White St. have been removed.*
9. *Eastside Park. A Red Maple has been removed - too close to the structure.*
10. *Trees around the Borough Hall and in Riverside Gardens Park have been mulched, but mulch is piled up against the trunks. Cliff will follow up.*
11. *Should we have a Facebook page? Per Ziad, Borough is not permitting the creation on new Facebook pages. Send posts to Z. for consideration.*
12. *323 Shrewsbury Ave - Callery Pear fell. Roots appear to have been cut during road construction. Others may be in similar condition. See Shrewsbury Ave item below.*
13. *Shrewsbury Ave - Red Bank was awarded a grant for various improvement programs, including, planting trees. Bill will check if the county will allow replacing/adding trees.*
14. *Memorial Day parade - STC invited to participate.*
15. *E. Bergen PI Road Program - large roots cut. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/Bh5fetVn2FafqjGZ6> Will need to monitor these trees and may need to excavate the roots to see the extent of the damage. A Linden was removed.*
16. *Memorial Day parade - not able to participate.*

**Maintenance/planting requests**

1. *Public access path at end of Bank St. (River's Edge) – The developer planted 15 red oaks along the path. Four appear dead, the rest are stressed out. There are also mulch volcanoes. Remedios and Boris met onsite with the developer Charles Farouk and HOA President Jeff Loonan. The agreement is to replace 4 dying trees and accept \$1500 into the trust fund for 3 trees that have been removed. Mr. Farouk would like to make a payment in lieu replacing any trees. Mr. Loonan does not agree. Bill contacted Mr. Farouk. Mr. Farouk agreed to plant the 4 trees in the spring. The 4 dying trees have been removed.*
2. *Garfield PI - Zelvokas next to Walgreens are dead or dying. Glenn Carter asked the developer to replace them before the bond can be released.*
3. *County trees. Bill is working with the County Div. of Shade Tree on getting hazardous trees removed, including*
  - a. *175 Shrewsbury Ave - Bradford Pear*
  - b. *152 Broad St - Bradford Pear*
4. *Trees around Globe Court Garage – many of the trees planted by the hospital are not doing well. Remedios emailed Riverview Medical. Sheila asked for a recommendation. Recommend testing soil and watering trees after planting.*

5. 143 Bridge Ave – Boris reported Zelkova with a vertical crack. *Will monitor.*
6. 132 Leighton Ave. Boris reported Bosque Elm has lost a large limb, recommends removal. *Will monitor.*
7. Car hit a tree on Harding Rd. *Will monitor.*
8. 40 McLaren St. - homeowner wants the tree removed because it's on top of the sewer line. **Bill** will follow up with Cliff.
9. Monmouth St between Bridge and Shrewsbury - DPU wants to remove the 4 trees on the south side. *Removed three.*
10. 234 River Rd. Homeowner requested removal of the dead tree on the county ROW. *DPU removed it.*
11. 11 Harrison Ave - resident complaint to DPU about sidewalk lift. *The tree is healthy. There's about an inch lift.*
12. 44 Wallace St - homeowner complaint about sidewalk lift. *The tree is healthy.*
13. Fisher Pl - homeowner complaint about remaining stumps. *Removed all but missed one at #40.*
14. 3 Brown Pl - homeowner would like a tree. *The planting strip is too narrow. Erik will follow up.*
15. Prospect Ave - Courtyard Condominiums. *Requesting permission to remove limbs from 2 Honeylocusts. Bill will look.*
16. 33 Prospect Ave - homeowner concerned about tree condition. *There's a basal canker, will keep an eye on it. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/42WsGXB11Riu2FTd7> Bill will look.*
17. 26 E. Westside Ave. - homeowner requested removal of dead Pear. *Added to the removals list.*
18. 68 Wallace St - homeowner requesting replacement of the tree that was removed at the homeowner's request because their child was tripping on the roots. *Since the condition that had necessitated the removal still exists, and there is no guarantee that the new tree will not have exposed roots, a new tree will not be planted at this time.*
19. 69 Maple Ave - sidewalk lift - State tree; Remedios referred resident to the state web site
20. Drs. Parker near Shrewsbury Ave - 3 London Planetrees removed, 1 pruned.
21. 67 Wallace St. - homeowner requested looking at the private tree.
22. *There are many private hazardous trees near the ROW. A survey needs to be done. Remedios will send Ziad an email.*

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

1. 2 Sliverwhite Ave - **Erik** will check with Glenn if the fee will be collected.
2. 56 Newman Springs Rd - *There's no landscape plan. The combined frontage is over 100' so 3 trees would be required. The planting strip is too narrow.*
3. 14 Wharf Ave (Red Rock) - *The frontage is almost 150' so 3 trees are required; none are proposed.*
4. Two River Theatre - *using recommended species.*
5. 176 Riverside Ave - *good species diversity.*
6. Count Basie - *want to remove 2 pears on Monmouth St. OK, but will need to replace them.*

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 18, at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Boris Kofman, Secretary

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