

Borough of Red Bank  
Shade Tree Committee  
April 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes

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

Members Present: Bill Brooks, Boris Kofman, Mike Kosberg, Remedios Quiroz

Absent: Debbie Marks

Ex-officio member: none

Guests: none

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

1. *March 27, 2018 meeting minutes approved.*
2. Zone 3 inventory update. Will start in the spring.
3. 2017 Road Program. E. Bergen from Branch to Maple. Planting will be in the spring 2018. Remedios sent the list of recommended planting locations to CME. Per CME, following trees are causing a sidewalk lift: 257 Maple, 222 (2), 208, 200, 188, 136, 106, 96, 92, 88, 108 South, 54, 50-52, 46, 40, 22, 20, 16, 135 Branch Ave. Bill looked at them with CME. The number of trees to be removed have been reduced to fewer than 10. CME has the list. *Laura Neumann said the tree planting will be in the fall.*
4. 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.
5. Spring Planting. *NJTF planted the 7 Elms on April 17.*
6. 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.
7. Arbor Day activity - Distribution of tree seedlings (200) from NJDEP. *DPU picked up the seedlings, and will bring them to the Boro Hall parking lot for distribution on April 21. Boris and other members of the STC will be there to distribute. A Media Advisory has been sent to the local media and posted on the website. Listed on the Arbor Day Foundation website. The Atlantic Hub published an [article](#) and a couple of people inquired about the event after reading it. Debbie designed an STC banner for the table.*
8. *Tree City USA – received certification for 12<sup>th</sup> year. The banner will be flown at the Borough Hall.*
9. Roots for Rivers Reforestation grant – could be used for Riverside Gardens Park, Maple Cove.
10. CEUs. Urban Forest Connections Webinar 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. Core Training on May 5 at Rutgers. *Bill went to a talk about WTC trees.*
11. Consider changing the ordinances to measure trees in caliper (4") instead of DBH (2").
12. NJUCF Stewardship Grant. Up to \$30K, with at least 50% match. *Cliff is the designated Project Manager. Application sent to Pam for mayor's signature.*
13. Primary School hillside. At Dr. Ramage's request, Bill looked at the trees for hazardous conditions and reported his observations to Dr. Ramage. Cliff is following up.
14. *Lisa Simms from NJTF shared a list of urban tolerant trees.*
15. *Consider using bio-barriers to increase tree longevity – **Bill** will investigate.*

**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. 17 Buena Pl – homeowner talked to Debbie about grinding tree roots. Need to get something in writing. Debbie emailed the homeowner.
7. 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.*
8. 96 Leighton Ave. Resident concerned that if the London Planetree in front of her house falls, it will hit her bedroom. *Bill reports that large roots have been cut on the curb side and recommends removing it.*  
Pictures: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/1FzeWDWfbIW5Uwm63>
9. 20 Leighton Ave, 22 Leighton Ave. The London Planetrees' branches are getting close to the houses. Should be pruned soon. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/fmKCfGTEN7k1YhKM2>
10. Library. There's a dead tree in the back that the Director has requested to have removed. Bill and Boris agree.
11. 54 Monmouth St – pipe under the tree. Cliff will follow up.
12. 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.
  - c. 24 Leighton Ave – broken branch. *Pruned.*

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

1. 72-74 Peters Pl – *no comments*
2. 27 Monmouth St - *no comments.*
3. Ocean First Bank, 110 W Front St.- *no comments*
4. 218 Broad St.- *no comments.*
5. Coffee Corral, Drs. Parker Blvd & Shrewsbury Ave. - *no comments.*

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 15, at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 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