

MEETING AGENDA

Location:	Borough Hall, Council Chambers
Date:	June 17, 2025
Time:	7:00 PM

AGENDA DETAILS

I. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Approve May Minutes

II. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Seminars/Webinars?
- b. 30 Washington - Boris noticed the Sugar Maple has core rot and dieback. Half of the trunk has no bark. Recommendation: add to removals list.
- c. Greg Cannon - drafted an Owner Consent and Agreement for Tree Plantings. Please provide comments. Question: do we need to address removal of the tree when necessary? - it is also the property owner's responsibility to remove the tree when it becomes hazardous. Comments?
- d. 5 William St - sidewalk lift. Boris took a look. The lift is minimal. The tree looks healthy. Recommendation: smooth out the lift with concrete.
- e. 70 Oakland - Nancy reported that the tree was cut. Remedios requested Terrence to remove the tree stump.
- f. Other new business

III. OLD BUSINESS

- a. NJUCF Stewardship Grant update - Update Terrence
 - i. Some of the new trees are dying. The new trees planted at 131 Oakland St and 232 Drs. Parker Blvd look dead.

- ii. Some of the trees planted in 2022 are stressed out.
- iii. Dead trees - 2 Tupelos and 1 Redbud should be replaced by the contractor by May 1, 2025. Remedios sent a reminder email to Terrence. One of the homeowners, Alix Schroder Fitzgerald, of 58 Locust, requested an update. Boris responded, copying Terrence. Terrence is working with a contractor to replace the trees. Terrence please provide an update.
- b. Spring Planting - Remedios requested Terrence to send out a request for a quote for 2 American Hophornbeam 3-3.5" caliper and 2 Allegheny Serviceberry 3.-3.5" caliper all with 2-year warranty for planting at the following locations: 23 Bank St, 112 Catherine St and Gold Street Parking Lot. Terrence provided STC with the contractor proposal. STC provided comments. Bill volunteered to measure the planting strips. Update Bill.
- c. Replacement for removed trees on Broad St - Debbie met with Rivercenter. OPEN
- d. Harrison Ave Road program ; Looks like the roots of the Linden tree at the corner of River Road and the Oak tree next to it were drastically cut. Remedios sent an email to Jim Gant.
- e. DPU - continues to remove the trees that are on the removals list. Thank you.
- f. White Street parking lot replanting - Remedios sent the draft replanting plan to Terrence for confirmation of the activities marked DPU. Bill volunteered to write a Bid Spec. Maybe plant 2 trees this year and 2 next. Need to pack the soil to keep the tree stable. Transplanting existing trees probably won't be feasible. Bill provided a list of three contractors to get quotes from. Any recommendations on how to proceed. Maybe fall planting?
- g. Trees on Broad and on Harding - they were improperly pruned. Bill will ask the county about the broad St trees. For the ones on Harding, Boris suggested STC may want to ask the Borough to send a letter to the homeowner explaining that public trees may not be touched. This also applies to 56 Harding. Michelle drafted an excellent letter to residents regarding altering trees. Thank you Michelle. Request Red Bank Green or TAP Into to publish the letter.
- h. Adriana requested information on where to send shade tree related questions. Remedios responded.
- i. Other open items from May minutes

IV. PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD APPLICATIONS

- a. 204 Shrewsbury Ave - Zoning Board Application; STC comments

- i. 160' frontage on Catherine St. - 4 trees required
- ii. 87' frontage on Shrewsbury Ave - 2 trees required
- iii. Total trees required = 6 trees
- iv. There are 2 trees on Catherine St; one of them, the easternmost tree , has dieback and should be removed. So really only one tree is viable. No trees are proposed
- v. Recommendations:
 - 1. Remove the easternmost tree on Catherine St
 - 2. Plant 3 trees on Catherine St and 2 on Shrewsbury Ave = total of 5 trees required
 - 1. Trees planted should be at least 3-3.5" caliper. They should be staked and waterbag installed
 - 2. Refer to the STC Recommended Species List on the STC website for species to be considered for planting
 - 3. Make a donation to the Shade Tree Fund of \$1000 per required tree not planted
 - ii. Protect the westernmost tree on Catherine St during construction
- b. Bill's comments:
 - i. Remove the severely compromised Red Maple (acer rubrum) On Catherine St. and replace it with a more appropriate species for that width planting strip. I 'm not sure the strip will accommodate a 3-31/2" caliper tree as it is barely 35" wide.
 - ii. I do not believe there is room to install 3 new trees on Catherine Street because of sight line interference with the existing (to remain) cuts as well as the prohibition of planting within 50' of an existing stop sign. The Western most existing tree is still viable and as such should be retained.
 - iii. 3. Shrewsbury Ave. is a County road and Monmouth County's current position is they do not want to plant in anything less than a 10' Ten foot) wide planting strip. I would NOT recommend "tree pits" under any circumstance.
 - iv. I am also not sure how any of the above mentioned items affect any payments into the Shade Tree Trust fund as they are either prohibited actions or not approved by the County
- c. Remedios' response:
 - i. The ordinance requires that they plant a tree for every 50 ft or a fraction thereof of frontage.

- ii. The ordinance also requires that they make a donation of \$1000 per required tree not planted, what ever the reason they can't plant the required trees be.

V. CONCLUSION

- a. Next meeting will be held on July 15, 2025