

MEETING AGENDA

Location:	Borough Hall, Council Chambers
Date:	Sept 16, 2025
Time:	7:00 PM

AGENDA DETAILS

I. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Approve July 15, and Aug 19, Minutes

II. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Seminars/Webinars?
- b. 115 Catherine St - Resident requests the borough to plant a tree on the planting strip in front of her house to replace the tree that was removed when the sidewalk was repaired. Added the location for future planting.
- c. 99 River St - Boris requested DPU to remove a dying limb.
- d. 40 E Bergen Place - Request to prune the borough tree in front of the house. Referred to DPU
- e. 121 Monmouth St - 2 black Tupelos were planted in front of the new development. Gator bags were installed.
- f. 20 Brown Pl - request for the Borough to plant a tree. The planting strip on Brown Pl is too narrow to plant a tree. Remedios responded and informed the residents of the "Tree Canopy Expansion" program.
- g. 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. Replacement trees were planted. Thank you Terrence.
- b. 195 Drs Parker Blvd - The new owner is requesting to remove the tree because of sidewalk lift and branches on wires. Per Bill's thorough inspection - tree failure from several points is low-moderate: sidewalk lift is minimal - less than 1.5"; the overhead utility line is drop service to the residence which is the homeowner's responsibility. Recommendations: inspection of the cavity on previously pruned branch; class III pruning; sidewalk to be brought up to code. Borough Manager James Gant responded: "This sidewalk lift is minimal at best. According to Ordinance 608, the homeowner is responsible for the sidewalk repair and maintenance... I see no reason to remove this tree at this time." He cited the relevant provisions of the ordinance. Thank you Jim.
- c. 114 Maple Ave- Remedios reported mushrooms are growing on the trunk and one long dead branch sticking out over the road. Bill will work with the state to have it removed. Update Bill.
- d. Acelero Learning at 144 Dr. James Parker Blvd. called DPU to report that the roots of the shade tree in front of their building have uplifted the sidewalk, creating a trip hazard. This location is a learning center for children, and there is concern that someone might trip and get injured. Per Boris' inspection: There are 2 trees in front of the property. The sidewalk around one of them was replaced very recently. The other one has a very slight lift, which could be easily smoothed out. Recommendation: Smooth out the lift with cement. Remedios conveyed the STC recommendation to DPU.
- e. Letter to the Resident Michele and Bridgid delivered the Letter to the residents regarding unauthorized work on public trees and reported some trees that need to be watered. Michele suggested also providing care instructions to help save trees. Bill volunteered to help write the letter. Update Bill.
Debbie suggested that the letter be posted on the STC website.
- f. White Street parking lot replanting - Remedios requested Terrence to send out an RFQ for planting two 4-4.5' caliper Southern Magnolia trees to 3 companies provided by

Bill. Terrence requested the QPA to issue the PO. Maria is working with the companies. Update?

g. Tree Canopy Expansion Program

1. Our first offer was to Ms Swett of E Westside. We never heard back from her.
2. Remedios sent an offer to Dana Farley who lives on Dummond St who expressed interest.
3. Added Brown PI for future consideration after a request was received for a Borough tree on the planting strip from 20 Brown PI.

h. Linden PI Road Program - Per Boris: "Jim Gant said the design is going to DOT soon. I asked him when we get a chance to comment on it. He said he'll talk to the engineer. He suggested creating an ad-hoc committee of STC and EC representatives to review these plans going forward.." OPEN

i. Other open items from Aug minutes

IV. PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD APPLICATIONS

NONE

V. CONCLUSION

a. Next meeting will be held on Oct 21, 2025