

MEETING AGENDA

Location:	Borough Hall, Council Chambers
Date:	Nov 18, 2025
Time:	7:00 PM

AGENDA DETAILS

I. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Approve Oct 21 Minutes

II. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Seminars/Webinars?
- b. 86 Catherine - the top of the Redbud tree broke off. The tree needs to be removed. Referred to DPU
- c. Amendment to Ordinance 202435 adding a member of STC to the Complete and Green Streets Advisory Committee which was formed in July 2024.
- d. Marine Park Tree Protection - Boris noticed that big crates were sitting very close to one of the trees in Marine park and there were no fences around the tree for protection. Boris asked Jim "Doesn't the contract specify that the trees should be protected during the construction?" No response so far
- e. 229 Mechanic st - Resident reported a sidewalk lift. Per Bill's inspection:
 - i. Sidewalk lift 2 1/2"-3 1/2" lift over 8' from east to West
 - ii. Tree species Little leaf Linden (tilia cordata var. green spire) 16" DBH 30'-32' tall
 - iii. Tree Condition:
 - 1. Crown: good, minor deadwood, cross branches
 - 2. Root system: poor multiple girdling roots some approaching 3"+

3. Trunk :good
4. Branch structure poor - fair main leader points of bifurcation exhibit codominant leader characteristics with significant bark inclusion. These are potential failure points.
5. Root stability poor-fair. Compromised rectilinear root system due to substandard planting strip width

iv. Recommendation: removal

- f. 22 Fisher Place - Resident requests Borough trees to be trimmed and crown raised as the branches are being hit by trucks as they drive on the street and some of the branches are touching the trees in her yard. Referred to DPU
- g. Empty Tree Pits list - Jim shared with STC a list of empty tree pits that need tree planting. Boris commented:
 - i. Broad St, north of Harding - needs to be coordinated with River Center.
 - ii. Broad St, south of Harding and Shrewsbury Ave - County Road
 - iii. Monmouth St - we would like to have trees planted by the Borough
- h. Other new business

III. OLD BUSINESS

- a. 114 Maple Ave- Remedios reported mushrooms are growing on the trunk and one long dead branch sticking out over the road. Bill will contact Steve Baker. Update Bill.
- b. 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.
- c. 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. Maria shared the following questions from the companies.

1. What height are you looking for? Response: We normally just provide requirements for the tree caliper size. As long as the caliper size is met, the height doesn't matter
 2. Can you provide dimensions of the planting area? Response: Bill, Michele and Debbie measured the dimensions. Michele sent the photos she took to Bill. Will work with DPU on the requested information
 3. Where in the parking lot should these trees be planted? Response: Bill will work with DPU to define.
 4. Is there a need to remove any dead trees or debris? Response: If DPU can remove the existing plantings, they don't have to be included in the purchase.
- ii. Bill, Michele and Debbie measured the planting areas. Bill provide the measurements and will work with Maria on the above questions. UPDATE Bill, Maria and Terrence

d. Tree Canopy Expansion Program

1. Cathi Swett responded to our offer and sent a signed agreement. Boris will meet with her next week to identify the location for the tree and inform her of the species that will be planted.
 2. Nancy drafted a letter to residents of Drummond Ave
 - a) Some updates were made to the draft
 3. Next Steps
 - a) Post the Agreement to the Website
 - b) Finalize the letter
 - c) Distribute the letter
- e. Tree Planting at Count Basie Field - request to plant one or two trees near the track to provide shade to the Daycare Centre playground. Per our past recommendation it is doable if the existing plantings in the area are removed. Ms Ford has reiterated her request. We still have to know if Parks and Rec is OK with trees planted close to the tracks. Follow up Nancy.
- Some questions to consider if we are going to plant there.

1. Who will clear the existing plantings?

2. What species should be planted there?
 3. When will the tree be planted?
 4. Who will take care of the tree?
 5. Boris concerns: I hope they realize the implications - leaves in the fall, possible lifting of the surface, bird poop. We don't want them coming back in 5 years and asking to have the trees removed..
- f. Linden Pl 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
- g. Brigid shared the New York Times article about the "Great" New York City Trees at the last meeting - She suggested maybe we should create a list of "Great" Red Bank Trees, trees that are not only big but have a story. Any suggestions?
- h. Other open items from Aug and Sept minutes

IV. PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD APPLICATIONS

NONE

V. CONCLUSION

- a. Next meeting will be held on Dec 16, 2025