

MEETING AGENDA

Location:	Borough Hall, Council Chambers
Date:	April 21, 2026
Time:	7:00 PM

AGENDA DETAILS

I. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Approve March 17 Minutes

II. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Seminars/Webinars?
- b. Appointments - Debbie Marks resigned from STC. We will miss her and want to thank her for all she has contributed to the STC.
 - i. Remedios sent the following recommendations to Nancy
 1. Appoint Michele to take Debbie's vacated position as regular STC member
 2. Appoint Carolyn as 1st Alternate.
 - ii. We need to look for someone to join the STC as 2nd Alternate.
- c. 108 Herbert St - Resident requests the removal of the dead tree in the ROW and plant replacement tree. DPU removed the tree. Two seedlings were planted in the ROW - a Montmorency Pie Cherry and a Washington Hawthorn. DPU did not plant the trees. We assume the resident planted them.
- d. Plantings on Broad St and Monmouth St - Terrence requested to provide recommendation for planting on Broad and Monmouth Sts - STC recommendations
 - i. Broad St
 1. London planes are OK to be consistent with the other trees on Broad Street

2. We recommend that the tree pits be widened to at least 4ftx4ft and existing soil replaced with good soil before planting, 4ft x 8ft would be best.

3. We also recommend planting a tree at the following locations

34 Broad - IFO Brooks Brothers, There used to be a tree there. A pit needs to be opened.

152 Broad

ii. On Monmouth St - Due to issues with Callery Pears, we don't plant them anymore.
Recommendations

1. 126 - Black Tupero

2. 145 - 2 Japanese Tree Lilacs for Consistency

3. 146, 150 - Green Spire Pin Oak or any fastigiate variety

e. 46 Mechanic St - request to plant a Japanese Lilac tree on the ROW. Added to future plantings

f. Tree Inventory - Start of Zone 1

i. Brigid and Boris did the southern end of Spring St., Highland, Tower Hill Ave and Harding. One tree (Sugar Maple) on Harding (County Rd) needs to be removed. One of the Ashes on Harding had the signs of a visit from an Emerald Ash Borer.

g. Sent the Arbor Day Proclamation for Mayor's signature

h. Other new business

III. OLD BUSINESS

a. CFMP - almost there. Boris, Michele, Remedios confirmed their sections are complete. Further updates were made to make sure it address all the items included in the provided sample CFMP

b. Green Fair - April 22, 5-6:30. Boris, Brigid and Carolyn are attending. As usual we will demo the online inventory. We won't have seedlings to distribute this time. ordering from Arbor Day Foundation didn't work because when ordering they don't allow you to specify the delivery date. Some ideas

- i. Have 1-3 trees the size we provide with the Canopy Expansion Program and raffle it out. We can buy the tree(s) or have a nursery donate a tree and deliver it to the fair. Boris update.
- ii. Have a nursery donate seedlings - Boris update
- c. Core Training - No one from STC or DPU took the spring training. Per Terrence he will be sending some of DPU folks to other training.
- d. Spring Planting - Remedios requested Terrence to send out a quote for trees
 - i. 22 Worthley St - Allegheny Service Berry 3-3.5"
 - ii. 46 Chestnut St - Allegheny Service Berry 3-3.5"
 - iii. 27, 29 and 31 Catherine St - Yellowwood - 3.3-5"
 - iv. Holmdel Nurseries are able to provide the species and size requested but will only guarantee for 2 years if they plant. Maria called them to inquire on the cost for them to plant. She is waiting for a call back.
- e. 5 William street - sidewalk lift. This is a revisit from earlier in the year. Per our inspection the sidewalk lift was minimal. Our recommendation was to smooth out the sidewalk with concrete. The resident wants to replace the entire sidewalk but is concerned about cutting the roots. Boris read about rubberized sidewalks to prevent sidewalk lifts. Bill volunteered to look into its feasibility. Per Bill the cost is prohibitive.
- f. White Street parking lot replanting - Bill reported that Southern Magnolias are not the best candidate for planting. Next Steps:
 - i. Decide what species we want to plant. Preferably a species easier to find in the area.
 - ii. Remedios' recommendation: Maybe instead of planting 4-4.5" caliper trees we should start with 3-3.5" trees. This will allow us to plant sooner and allow the trees to grow with time.
- g. Tree Canopy Expansion Program
 - 1. Cathi Swett responded to our offer and sent a signed agreement. Boris will meet with her to identify the location for the tree and inform her of the species that will be planted. Cathi hasn't responded as to her availability. This will probably now be slated for spring planting. She is not responding to emails. Assume she is no longer interested

2. The following documents were posted on the STC website - Thank you Fatima.
 - a) Tree Canopy Expansion Letter or Free Tree Program Letter
 - b) Owner Consent Agreement
 - c) Tree care instructions
3. The Letter was sent to Drummond Avenue property owners - Thank you Mary
4. The Mayor sent a request to STC to plant a tree on their front lawn. Remedios responded that the request qualifies for the Tree Canopy Expansion Program and sent the letter describing the application process.
5. Other things to consider -
 - a) Maximum budget per tree
 - b) List of suitable species
 - c) Nurseries to consider
- h. 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. Brigid compiled a list of potential candidates and is still working to identify more qualified candidates.
- i. 14 Maple Ave- Remedios reported mushrooms growing on the trunk and one long dead branch sticking out over the road. Bill contacted Steve Baker.
- j. Other open items from March minutes

IV. PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD APPLICATIONS

1. 26 Drs James Parker

Drs Parker - Frontage 435 - Trees Required 9, Proposed 1, Deficiency 8

S Pearl - Frontage 185 - Trees Required 4, Proposed 0, Deficiency 4

Total Deficiency 12

Notes:

1. The landscape plan shows two London Planes on S. Pearl that are no longer there.
2. They're proposing only 1 new tree (Zelkova), on Drs. Parker.

Recommendations:

1. They should plant 8 additional trees on Drs. Parker Blvd in addition to the 1 Zelkova that is proposed for a total of 9 required
2. They should plant 4 trees on S. Pearl St as required.
3. The trees should be 3-3.5" at the time of planting
4. They should refer to the Recommended Species List on the STC website for tree selection
5. Since the planting strips are not wide, they should plant the trees on their property close to the sidewalk to give the trees more space to grow.

The landscape notes are good and should apply to all the trees to be planted.

V. CONCLUSION

- a. Next meeting will be held on May 19, 2026