

Borough of Red Bank Shade Tree Committee
May 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7: 00 by Remedios Quiroz
Adequate notice of the meeting has been provided.

Members present: Michele Brody, Bill Brooks, Brigid McCarthy, Remedios Quiroz
Absent: Boris Kofman, Carolyn Robertshaw and Ex-officio member: Councilmember
Nancy Facy-Blackwood

Topics discussed:

1. April 21st minutes approved.
 2. No Webinars this month
 3. As Carolyn was absent the request for a tree for Mechanic St. for the tree canopy program was tabled until next meeting.
 4. 62 Washington: The residents requested their tree be trimmed. It's a large Pin Oak, 31" that needs a class one pruning. According to Bill it would take 2 days for DPW to do so he recommended that they get a price to have an outside contractor do it. Utility co. will not trim. It also has Bacterial Leaf Scorch. It is not a high hazard level and if it's trimmed it will be okay. An example of wrong species, wrong space.
 5. 5 William St., too big for the sidewalk. Bill said it has to be pruned to Standard. It is going to look two-dimension.
 6. 84 Linden St. DPW working on it now.
- Michele questioned whether we have a tracking system for maintenance work. Terrence should notify people how long it might take. Remedios said there is a maintenance spreadsheet on the Share Point of work the DPW does.
- Brigid questioned when to address the guests, Remedios said she would welcome them and ask the nature of their question before proceeding.
7. Grant Money for Canopy Maintenance was shared by EC. Boris was nominated in absentia to pursue applying for this by June 22. Bill said it could go to trimming. He also said there is 20 page document with tree suggestions for lot sizes. Small, medium and large.

8. Riverside Gardens tree was removed
9. 157 Prospect Ave. tree removed.
10. 197 Shrewsbury *This was not discussed*

11. Calvary Baptist: the dying tree is on the inside of the fence on church property. Remedious is going to contact code enforcement.

12. 5 Hilltop Terrace, a private property tree that tree companies have refused to do as job is dangerous and prohibitively expensive. It is a very serious problem for the home owner and neighbor but not in the Shade Tree Committee or Borough's purview.

Old Business

The CMFP went to Nancy for comments.

See e-mail to Nancy on action items of May 19th. on updated appointment dates for Michele Brody and Brigid McCarthy. Carolyn will be promoted to regular member but the committee needs two alternates. Bill's replacement will be discussed after he leaves with input from Nancy. Also the answer to question of the STC being able to purchase trees in a timely manner for events. Nancy will confirm the process and vendors.

Broad St. Trees have been planted, staked, and gator bagged

Bill said that new trees at Worthley, Chestnut and Catherine were planted.
He thinks by Holmdel.

Bill suggested for the future that we should have a long term plan for the Broad St. trees and a plan for sidewalk lift. He said he we'll write up these suggestions before he leaves.

Marine Park trees are scheduled to be planted next week.

Addressed the White Street parking lot again. Decided to take out all plantings and concentrate on just planting trees, possibly Chinese Redbuds. Remedious will revise plan and do research on trees and sizes and nurseries and DWP will have to purchase them. Looks like we will wait for the Fall planting season.

Big Trees project is tabled for now.

Next meeting: June 16th at 7:00

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01

Respectfully submitted,

Brigid McCarthy, Acting Secretary