

MEETING AGENDA

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

AGENDA DETAILS

I. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Approve June 16 Minutes

II. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Seminars/Webinars?
- b. Eastside Park: A White Oak located near the playground had to be removed by DEP after large bands of contaminated material were discovered beneath it. DEP would like to replace the tree with a Red Oak. STC response: Because of the Bacterial Leaf Scorch that affects Oaks. It is best to plant another species. We recommend Black Tupelo.
- c. 3 young trees at 130 Wallace were leaning towards the road. They needed restaking. Referred to DPU. Done
- d. Damaged memorial tree in Eastside Park. Per Remedios: "One of the memorial trees in Eastside Park was damaged during the recent remediation work. The tree, a beautiful and healthy willow oak, was located inside the fencing around the basketball courts. Now that the fence has been removed, I discovered that the bark has been significantly gouged. When I removed some loose bark, I noticed a high level of insect activity underneath." "Tree Surgeon Brooks" repaired the damage. Thank you very much Bill.
- e. 53 Broad - The tree has a couple of large dead limbs. Referred to DPU.

- f. What to do when noticing that a private tree is being removed: Per Chief Michael Frazee - "My recommendation is that if you witness a homeowner or a commercial business removing a tree, I would contact the police and identify yourself, explain to the officer first what the issue is and then the both of you can go speak with the person performing the work. This way the incident is documented on the officer's body worn camera. I also recommend you have your borough identification handy if you have one. "
- g. Shawna - shared the list of applications for tree removal indicating the status - Approved or Denied. Remedios uploaded to the STC sharepoint.
- h. 64 Locust - a resident in the area reported "We lost a decently sized shade tree on Locust Ave as a result of the high winds a few nights ago. I also think it may have been weakened to begin with as a result of the (much needed!) sidewalk replacement as part of the new home construction at 64 Locust Ave. A" He is requesting planting 2 shade trees on the strip to replace the lost tree.
Per Boris: it is a pin oak. He noticed that a large root had been cut when the sidewalk was replaced. He suggested looking into the status of the construction at 70 Locust where we recommended the planting of two trees.
- i. 65 Oakland - leaning tree. DPU staked.
- j. 126 Monmouth St - this is one of the locations where a tree is scheduled to be planted. But it seems there is already a tree there. We recommended planting the tree at 70 Oakland St instead.
- k. Nancy reported the bark of a private tree at the corner of Oakland and Pearl is separating from the tree. Boris will take a look
- l. 22 Bank St - tree needs to be staked. Done
- m. 127 Oakland - gator bag needs to be filled 2x a week. Boris referred to DPU.
- n. A resident of Harrison reported that mature trees are being taken down as part of the development at 199/205 Broad st. The trees are on private property. Remedios referred the concern to Shawna. Per Shawna: "Per Section 665-3, Trees in association with a development application that has been approved by the Land Use Boards can be removed. The application is currently before the ZBA and will continue its hearing on 8/20. You are free to bring up your questions and issues related to the removal of the tree due to the proposed development at the hearing. The applicant will be there to answer questions. It is up to the Board to request additional information to make their decision on the application. "

- o. Plastic wrap on new trees on Broad St: Bill recommends leaving it until next year, since it does offer some protection against mechanical damage to the trunk.
- p. 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 addresses all the items included in the provided sample CFMP. Remedios sent the CFMP to Nancy for comments. We should be ready to submit it now. Remedios is doing a final check before submitting.
- b. Broad St plantings - The trees have been installed. Boris reported the following to DPU
 - i. Rope around the trunk of one of the newly installed trees, the burlap and possibly the wire basket have not been removed. Per Jerry: "All trees were checked and addressed as needed yesterday." That would be June 12. Boris noticed that the ropes were removed but the burlap remained.
 - ii. The gator bag on the tree on Broad near mechanic hasn't been filled while the gator bag on the other trees was filled. Per Jerry: Will have the team fill tomorrow morning. That would be June 14.
 - iii. Marine Park Tree Plantings
 - 1. Boris noticed that some trees that are on the plan are missing.
 - 2. Per Mike: "Shari will confirm quantities during final inspection and any missing trees will be planted, but would not recommend planting them until the Fall due to the heat. Will follow up after final inspection. "
- c. No spring planting due to lack of response from the selected vendor, we will try again in the fall.
- d. 62 Washington - Property owner requests trimming of the tree in the ROW. The tree is a Pin Oak, DBH 31" per last measure in the fall of 2021. Remedios visited the site and took photos showing some branches of the tree touching the house and some branches almost touching the transmission wires across the st. Jerry informed the resident that they are comparing quotes from private contractors to do the work. Per Jerry trimming is scheduled on July 22.
- e. White Street parking lot replanting - Bill reported that Southern Magnolias are not the best candidate for planting. Next Steps:

- i. Remedios sent out the Revised White St Replanting Plan - Jerry please confirm the activities marked DPU are OK with you.
 - ii. Decide what species we want to plant. Preferably a species easier to find in the area. Bill suggested Chinese Redbuds. Michele suggested Japanese Zelkovas. Any other suggestions?
 - iii. Remedios' recommendation: Instead of planting 4-4.5" caliper trees we should start with 3-3.5" trees, the size we usually plant. This will allow us to plant sooner and allow the trees to grow with time.
 - iv. Let's work on this for the fall.
 - v. Carolyn will reach out to Colonial for recommendations on tree species.
- f. Tree Canopy Expansion Program Phase 1 -
- 1. Received a request from 195-197 Mechanic.
 - a) The location qualifies for the program
 - b) We will plant in the fall.
 - 2. Other things to consider -
 - a) Maximum budget per tree \$150
 - b) List of suitable species -
 - c) Nurseries to consider other than Colonial - Casola Farms, others?
 - 3. Plan - slowly expand to targeted areas. Drummond to Westside and Sunset Avenues, both East and West, and the three short streets south of W. Westside Ave - Carmen, Clifford, Clinton. Maybe include Chapin and the streets around it too.
- g. 14 Maple Ave- Remedios reported mushrooms growing on the trunk and one long dead branch sticking out over the road. Bill contacted Steve Baker.
- h. Other open items from June minutes

IV. PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD APPLICATIONS

240 Shrewsbury - It is proposed to remove all the existing structures and construct 14, two bedroom garden apartment units along with a 28 stall parking lot with associated walkways, landscaping and lighting.

STC comments and recommendations:

Comments:

1. The Shrewsbury Ave frontage is 128 ft. - 3 trees are required. None are there now.
2. They're proposing 4 Red Maples, 2-2.5" caliper, on their property near the sidewalk.
3. Considering that they are planting 4 trees on the property near the sidewalk, we will consider the plantings to comply with the number of trees required.

Recommendations:

1. Given the proximity to the streets Red Maples would be an extremely poor choice primarily due to that species low salt tolerance. The amount of "salt brine" that both the county and Red Bank use on the roads in the Winter would make their long-term survival problematic at best. We recommend a different species like Linden or Zelkova or any of the species listed on the STC Tree Species Recommendation available on the STC website.
2. The caliper of the trees to be planted should be 3-3.5"

V. CONCLUSION

- a. Next meeting will be held on Sept 15, 2026