

**Borough of Bergenfield
Shade Tree Committee
January 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting via Email

Attending Members:

Dan Muller, Chairman
Mike Cassidy
Jules Orkin
Phil Neville, Consultant/DPW Superintendent
Councilman Marc Pascual, Council Liaison
Dixie Rainey, Secretary

Members Absent:

Joe Schade (Dixie mailed Joe 12/7/20 minutes & 1/4/21 agenda via USPS on 1/5/21)

December 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes (emailed 1/4/21)

Approval pending.

Old Business:

Work Returned by Dan:

7 Pine (Q3) - removal request, new tree plant request, wants to plant smaller variety at her expense.

Private tree, no action necessary.

43 Brookview (Q3) - removal request, states cut in stem from power company. Trunk badly damaged, added to removal list.

Work Returned by Mike:

5 Momar (Q1) - tree was trimmed on 11/26/19, states tree is pulling up sidewalk 6 inches & also roadway. Phil N. inspected, Phil N. does not see 6 inch lift.

45 Grove (Q1) - tree inspection request, states roots are damaging foundation of house. Phil N. inspected, not a Borough tree, no action necessary.

Work Returned by Joe:

20 Lake (Q4) - removal request, states tree is dead. Joe's note: cannot determine if dead or not, wait until Spring to re-inspect; Phil N. inspected, tree is not dead, no action necessary.

Work Returned by Phil/DPW:

Marcotte & Seminary (Q3) - branch hanging in tree at corner of Marcotte Lane & Seminary Street. Work complete.

30 Dover (Q4) - trim request, is it Borough tree? Tree on Norfolk side is a Borough tree, added to trim list.

10-30 S. Washington (Q1) - 11/19/20 letter from Elite Mgmt of sidewalk lift from Borough trees, Elite Mgmt requesting Borough rectify situation immediately, tree removals or repair sidewalk possible? Phil N. received copy of certified letter on 12/1/20 & by email on 1/19/21.

35 Woods (Q2) - ~~prune & elevate.~~ CORRECTION to August 2020 minutes: PRIVATE tree, no action necessary.

New Business:

Assigned to Dan:

10 Irving (Q1) - unoccupied house, neighbor at 3 Annex is requesting inspection of Borough trees at 10 Irving because branches come down in storms.

Assigned to Mike:

22 Shelley (Q1) - resident states tree looks sick, branches appear dry, branches fall on roof and front yard.

Assigned to Phil/DPW:

89 Ralph (Q2) - PSE&G contractor states that Maple tree is in decline, requesting approval to remove.

Other Business:

Thank you to Councilman Buddy Deauna (Council Liaison to Shade Tree Committee prior to 1/1/21), and welcome to Councilman Marc Pascual (Council Liaison to Shade Tree Committee as of 1/1/21).

The Borough submitted an application on 12/23/20 for a Green Spaces Grant (maximum award \$20,000.00), to replant mature trees at Cooper's Pond that were lost in recent storms and to provide virtual programming about trees/ecosystem/environment/conservation for residents.

Steven Perrone requests to become a member of the Bergenfield Shade Tree Committee. He states that he resides at 96 Porter Ave in Bergenfield. Mr. Perrone states that he was previously Chairman of the New Milford Shade Tree Commission when he lived in New Milford. Request pending.

Proposed 2021 Meeting Dates:

Jan 4th

Feb 1st

Mar 1st

Apr 5th

May 3rd

June 7th

July 12th (second Monday due to July 4th holiday)

Aug 2nd

Sept 13th (second Monday due to Labor Day holiday)

Oct 4th

Nov 1st

Dec 6th

Approval pending.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting will be on 2/1/21 via email, unless members agree otherwise. Approval pending.