

**Borough of Bergenfield  
Shade Tree Committee  
March 1, 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 2/1/21 minutes & 3/1/21 agenda via USPS on 3/2/21)

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

Approved.

**January 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes** (emailed 1/22/21)

Approved.

**February 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes** (emailed 3/1/21)

Approved.

**Old Business:**

**Work Returned by Dan/Phil:**

**139 Highgate (Q4)** - states branches fall, removal request. Trim per Phil 3/1/21.

**Work Returned by Mike/Phil:**

**142 New York (Q1)** - states tree looks unstable, concerned it will fall, removal request. Prune per Phil 3/1/21.

**Work Returned by Phil/DPW:**

**81 Bergen (Q2)** - states sidewalk pushed up from tree, requesting to know what can be done. No action on tree, repair sidewalk.

**250 N. Prospect (Q2)** - states 2 Borough trees are bending over their property, removal request. Remove.

**186 New Bridge (Q3)** - states branch is touching wire & sparks sometimes, worried about fire, requesting to know what can be done. Tree not in Borough right-of-way upon re-evaluation of measurement against tax map, not Borough tree per Phil 3/2/21.

**125 Fairview (Q4)** - states Borough replaced sidewalk recently, tree has lifted sidewalk, also believes causing sewer issues, requesting to know what can be done. Remove.

**50 Hallberg (Q4)** - states tree roots lifting up sidewalk, requesting to know what can be done. Remove

**200 Graphic (Q2)** - declining Maple removed by DPW on 2/22/21.

**New Business:**

No new business.

**Other Business:**

Tree City USA annual re-accreditation report due to Arbor Day Foundation on 2/15/21. Submitted on 2/15/21.

NJUCF Annual Accomplishment Report (AAR) due to NJDEP on 2/15/21. Submitted on 2/15/21.

NJUCF Spring Core Training is 3/11/21-3/31/21, registration is open until 3/8/21, \$30.00 registration fee. No committee members requested to be registered at this time.

Tree Recovery Arbor Day Foundation Program application due to NJ Forest Service Nursery on 2/25/21 for free tree seedlings. Submitted on 2/23/21.

- If application approved, the Borough will receive up to 500 tree seedlings to distribute to its residents.
- Tentatively, Sunday 4/25/21 from 2pm-4pm has been planned for tree seedling distribution at Cooper's Pond Park, pending Mayor & Council approval.

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 4<sup>th</sup>

Feb 1<sup>st</sup>

Mar 1<sup>st</sup>

Apr 5<sup>th</sup>

May 3<sup>rd</sup>

June 7<sup>th</sup>

July 12<sup>th</sup> (second Monday due to July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday)

Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sept 13<sup>th</sup> (second Monday due to Labor Day holiday)

Oct 4<sup>th</sup>

Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

Dec 6<sup>th</sup>

Approved.

**Next Meeting:**

Next meeting will be on 4/5/21 via email, unless members agree otherwise. Approved.