

**Borough of Bergenfield  
Shade Tree Committee  
April 5, 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 3/1/21 minutes & 4/5/21 agenda via USPS on 4/6/21)

**March 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes** (emailed 4/5/21)

Approval pending.

**Old Business:**

**Work Returned by Phil:**

**189 Baker (Q4)** - 3 trees on corner property, branches in wires, branches fall, requesting evaluation. Trim only; DPW tree crew crown-raised & dead-wooded on 3/11/21.

**321 S. Washington (Q3)** - removal request of trees outside of Borough's right-of-way, branches fall, root/building foundation concerns, possible tree disease. DPW tree crew removed 4 Cherry blossom trees on 3/15/21.

**41 Moos (Q2)** - removal request of trees behind Marchbank Property/Bergenfield Museum building, large limbs fall. DPW tree crew removed 4 Pine trees on 3/19/21, more removals planned.

**152 New York (Q1)** - trim request. DPW tree crew crown-raised & dead-wooded on 3/22/21.

**20 Coyne (Q2)** - requesting stumps be ground, sidewalk repaired, and retaining wall repaired. DPW will grind stumps & repair sidewalk, retaining wall will be responsibility of homeowner to repair.

**New Business:**

**Assigned to Dan:**

**165 Harcourt (Q2)** - further trim request, states seasonal pests/worms, sap, causing fungus to grow on roof.

**84 Levitt (Q4)** - removal request, contractor cut a root while performing sewer line work on new construction house, cut root may cause health of tree to decline, contractor may be responsible for cost of removal.

**76 Westview (Q4)** - removal request, states branches drop on fence, lifting sidewalk.

**Assigned to Mike:**

**167 E. Main (Q1)** - removal request, states rotten.

**142 Graphic (Q2)** - removal request, states cracking sidewalk, branches in power lines.

**53 Porter (Q3)** - removal request, states branches in wires, branches fall, roots damaging sidewalk.

**75 Hallberg (Q4)** - requesting removal of 1 tree, states sewer backups, requesting trim of all other trees, Ross (DPW tree climber) & Phil inspected the trees on 4/15/21.

**Assigned to Phil:**

**222 W. Main (Q2)** - 2 trim requests if Borough trees (Borough trees?), 1 in front of house on corner & 1 in middle of fence side yard on Stoughton Pl.

**32 Hillside (Q3)** - removal request, homeowner's insurance company mailed homeowner a letter, tree at end of street (Borough tree?).

**Other Business:**

2021 New Jersey Tree Recovery Arbor Day Foundation Program application approved by NJ State Forestry Department:

- Bergenfield will receive tree seedlings at no charge from State Nursery to give away to residents.
- Free tree seedling give-a-way event scheduled for Sunday 4/25/21 at Cooper's Pond from 2pm-4pm, current COVID-19 guidelines will be in effect.
- A great way to celebrate & raise awareness of Arbor Day 2021 which is on 4/30/21.

Bergenfield's 2020 Tree City USA application was approved:

- Bergenfield has been designated as a Tree City USA for the 18<sup>th</sup> year in a row.

Bergenfield's 2020 New Jersey Urban & Community Forestry (NJUCF) Annual Accomplishment Report (AAR) was approved:

- Bergenfield's NJUCF accreditation has been renewed.

**Next Meeting:**

Next meeting will be on 5/3/21 via email, unless committee members agree otherwise. The committee members decided at the end of April to meet in person for the 5/3/21 meeting.