

**Borough of Bergenfield
Shade Tree Committee
May 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Called to Order: 7:36pm

Attending Members:

Mike Cassidy
Joe Schade
Steven Perrone
Phil Neville, Consultant/DPW Superintendent
Councilman Marc Pascual, Council Liaison
Dixie Rainey, Secretary

Members Absent:

Dan Muller, Chairman
Jules Orkin

Approval of March 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Approved.

Approval of April 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Approved.

Old Business:

Work Returned by Dan:

165 Harcourt (Q2) - further trim request, seasonal pests/worms, sap, causing fungus to grow on roof. Sycamore, has been pruned previously, prune deadwood only.

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

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

10 Irving (Q1) - unoccupied house, neighbor at 3 Annex is requesting inspection of Borough trees at 10 Irving because branches come down in storms. 3 Red Maples along Annex Pl, keep middle tree, remove east-most tree, inspect west-most tree for pruning or possible removal due to cavities; UPDATE since February minutes: west-most tree, removal.

Work Returned by Mike:

167 E. Main (Q1) - removal request, rotten. Callery Pear on Hudson St, prune only, no decay.

142 Graphic (Q2) - removal request, cracking sidewalk, branches in power lines. Prune, Borough repair sidewalk around tree.

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

75 Hallberg (Q4) - requesting removal of 1 tree, sewer backups, requesting trim of all other trees. Ross (DPW tree climber) & Phil inspected the trees on 4/15/21 – 1 removal by driveway, 1 removal on Hallberg from rot, 4 trims.

Work Returned by Phil/DPW:

122 E. Church (Q1) - DPW removed Oak on 4/23/21.

87 E. Clinton (Q1) - Borough tree lifting sidewalk. Remove Pin Oak on S. Summit St, Borough repair 2 sidewalk slabs.

12 Momar (Q1) - DPW removed 1 Locust on 4/5/21 due to bad sidewalk lift.

Marchbank Property/Museum (Q2) - DPW/crane rental company finished removing Pines 4/30/21.

222 W. Main (Q2) - 2 trim requests. 1 in front of house on corner – yes, Borough tree – prune; 1 in middle of fence side yard on Stoughton Pl – private tree, no action necessary.

32 Hillside (Q3) - removal request, tree at end of street. DPW crown raised & cut back Pine on 4/6/21, removal request denied.

21 Briarcliffe/150 Sussex (Q3) - would like to plant a tree in Borough right-of-way. Denied, no room.

58 Spring (Q4) - DPW noticed tree was dead, tree removed & stumps ground on 4/15/21.

117 Spring (Q4) - sidewalk lifting. Remove Maple, DPW repair sidewalk.

52 Fairview (Q4) - DPW trimmed branches growing over street & lawn on 4/19/21.

26 Somers (Q4) - tree on corner of driveway, loses branches, requesting assessment for trim or removal. Remove Red Maple dropping limbs, cavities.

164 S. Prospect (Q4) - "Davies Tree Service" removed a tree in his front yard & said the Borough was paying for it & that the town would remove the stump & let resident pick a new replacement tree. Might have been PSE&G, private tree, no action necessary.

New Business:

Assigned to Mike:

36 Willow (Q1) - requesting prune of Borough trees on adjacent PAL Field property & inspection of trees for health.

Corner of Lake St/Woodbine St (Q4) - requesting removal of tree near stop sign.

Assigned to Joe:

55 Maiden (Q3) - requesting tree to be inspected for safety, branch has fallen in past & now roots look crumbly.

15 Regent (Q4) - states 2 Borough trees are dead, requesting removal.

Assigned to Steve:

140 New Jersey (Q1) - removal request.

125 Baker (Q4) - requests another tree to be inspected for health, states it looks sick.

Assigned to Phil:

122 E. Church (Q1) - resident states DPW left stalk, asks if DPW will repair sidewalk.

40 Armour (Q2) - would like to remove 2 trees, wants to confirm if they are private or Borough, emailed land survey to DPW on 4/28/21.

29 Moos (Q2) - requesting removal of other 3 trees on Marchbank Property behind his property.

49 Moos (Q2) - wants trees removed behind her property by the brook, afraid they might fall into the water & onto her property.

31 Wilbur (Q3) - requesting root pruning during sidewalk repair, states one tree looks dead.

Other Business:

Welcome newly appointed member - Steven Perrone.

In person meetings resume 5/3/21.

Tree seedling give-a-way event on 4/25/21 - success.

Mayor & Council made a proclamation for Arbor Day 2021.

Minutes & agendas on Shade Tree Committee page of Borough website. Shade Tree Committee minutes & agendas have always been kept, will be posted on Borough website from now on.

96th NJ Shade Tree Federation Annual Conference Thursday-Friday October 21-22, 2021. Members will let Dixie know if they want to be registered.

Sidewalk program - funds in budget this year specifically for sidewalk repair, DPW will review sidewalks quadrant by quadrant to make list of trees to remove & sidewalk slabs to repair.

Borough's current 5-year Community Forestry Management Plan (CFMP) runs from January 2018-December 2022.

Next Meeting: June 7, 2021 at 7:30pm in the Borough Hall Conference Room

Meeting Adjourned: 8:16pm