

Bound Brook Shade Tree Commission

AGENDA

Thursday February 15th, 2024, 6:30pm

Council Chambers, Borough Hall

Attendees:

6:30-7:00pm Guests from Rutgers University, Atomu Saul and Dr. Allyson Salisbury, will join to discuss their research project analyzing tree species and their ability to resist damage from hurricanes. They are interested in using municipal tree inventory data for this project.

Council approved appointments of Dan Whelan to full commissioner and Diana Romero to alternate on January 24th.

January Meeting Minutes – Review and Approve

Old Business:

- BBSTC Spring Newsletter – status Kristi
- ArborPro training recap/feedback from 2/9
- Arbor Day 2024, April 20th 10am–
 - Identify planting location
 - Review suggested planting sites
 - What type of tree (Dan to source)
 - Advertising – flyer/signage, soc. Media – updates to last flyer
- Spring Planting –
 - Reach out to nurseries -KC
 - Schedule bid
 - Identify planting sites- STC
 - Review planting sites
- Community Tree Restoration – application submitted. 150 seedlings requested
- Schedule meetings with Recreation, Planning, Mayor, Boro Engineer
- Schedule STC Presentation with Borough Council and flag raising–Request sent to Admin for April 23rd
- Updated Contact list sent to Commission

New Business:

- Tree Talk Recap Feb 7th session
 - Tree girdling

- Inspection of downtown trees
- Discussion of impacts of climate change on when we plant trees and types of trees
- 2024 Projects
 - Updates to STC webpage on Boro website
 - Code Review – Amendments or new codes
 - Begin Tree Inventory of Bound Brook Parks
 - KC reaching out to Doreen
 - Bound Brook School District Engagement
 - Tree Program with 3rd graders/NJ tree seedling program
 - Late Summer/Fall Newsletter
 - DPW and ArborPro
 - Arboretum field trip
 - Downtown planting well expansions/use of flexi-pave or porous pave (research and plan budget for 2025?)

Calendar Reminders:

State Reporting due Feb 15th

Tree City USA application due – Feb 15th

Late Feb – tree bid for spring planting

March Meeting – March 21st

April Meeting – April 18th

Arbor Day Event – April 20th (AM)

STC Presentation to Council – April 23rd

Arbor Day Rain Date – April 27th (Rain or Shine)

Tree Talk May 8th

Tree Talk Sept. 4th

NJSTF Conference – October 17th and 18th (Atlantic City)

Tree Talk Dec. 11th