

Bound Brook Shade Tree Commission

AGENDA

Thursday March 21st, 2024, 6:30pm

Council Chambers, Borough Hall

Meeting Start Time:

Attendees: C. Kristi Colbert____ C. Xue Due ____ C. Nancy Lepionka____

C. Marsha Longshore ____ C. Dan Whelan____ A. Diana Romero____

Guests: Introduce Pam Lewis – prospective alternate

February Meeting Minutes – Review and Approve

Old Business

- Arbor Day 2024, April 20th 10am–
 - planting location confirmed – Mariposa Park (215 W Main St @ Vosseller)
 - Tree Selection and nursery – update from Dan
 - Advertising
 - Review flyer/signage – who will distribute?
 - Social-Media – post to Boro website, Boro Facebook, Nextdoor, The Patch, Board of Ed
 - Library participation –update from Nancy
 - Park clean-up Saturday March 23rd (morning, time TBD)
 - Who will take pictures?
 - Who will conduct tree planting demo?
 - Pots – at least 30 pots needed
 - Soil – ask DPW to purchase for us?
 - Print tree detail sheets and planting instructions – send to admin to print when we know what species we are receiving.
 - Tree bundle prep on 4/19
 - Invite to Mayor, Council and Committee Chairs – Kristi
 - Save the Date shared at the Feb 27th Council mtg
- Spring Planting –
 - Quote Updates -Kristi
 - New potential planting vendor – Steve’s Trees (referred by Tony Cerbo)
 - Review planting sites for Spring Planting
 - 1 new tree request at 14 John St
- Community Tree Restoration – 150 seedlings requested; status from Kristi
- STC Presentation with Borough Council and flag raising request sent to Admin for April 23rd
- 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?)

New Business

- Meeting date and time conflict with BBFD schedule
 - Review options
- Budget cut requested
- May 4th 2024 Big Tree event 10am-2pm @ the Forest Resource Education Center in Jackson, NJ
- Begin tree inspections
 - Contact Kristi if you need help creating lists
- Tree Talk Recap Feb 7th session
 - Tree girdling
 - Inspection of downtown trees
- Tree Ordinance webinars 3/5, 3/19, and 4/9
- Spring tree pictures – snap pics for next year’s spring newsletter
- Arbor Pro updates

Calendar Reminders:

March 19th 10-11:30 AM - NJDEP Model Ordinance & Municipal Tree Ordinances (Session #2)

March 21st - March Meeting

March 23rd Time TBD in AM (weather permitting) - Mariposa Park Clean-up for Arbor Day

April 9th 10-11:30 AM - NJDEP Model Ordinance & Municipal Tree Ordinances (Session #3)

April 18th - April Meeting

April 20th 10AM - Arbor Day Event

April 23rd - STC Presentation to Council and flag raising

April 27th - Arbor Day Rain Date 10AM (Rain or Shine)

May 8th - Tree Talk

Sept. 4th - Tree Talk

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

Dec. 11th - Tree Talk

Meeting End Time: