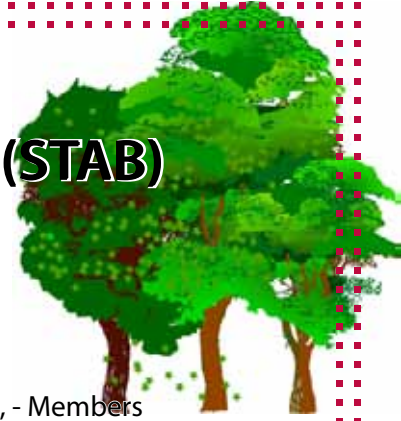




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Shade Tree Advisory Board (STAB) 2021 Annual Report



Members of the 2021 Shade Tree Advisory Board:

Nancy Cochrane - Co-Chair
Anna Kurz - Co-Chair

Susan Berger, Zina Barrera, Wendy Kelly, Roby Langert, Ellen Schwartz, Sandy Wolkenberg, - Members to come - Department of Public Works liaison to come- Environmental Commission liaison
Michael Pagan - Council Liaison

- ❖ Because of the Covid 19 pandemic, STAB held meetings only on zoom: January -November/December 2021; that last meeting did not meet for lack of a quorum.
- ❖ STAB lost its long-time Environmental Commission representative Don Daume; his successor has not been named yet.
- ❖ Due to retirement, STAB is losing its long-time DPW representative Kevin Arahill; his successor has officially not been named yet. As of November 30, DPW had felled 294 trees (annual average is 300-350) due to "leaning, dead, rotted, sidewalk, sewer, etc."
- ❖ In March, Wendy Kelly and Anna Kurz took the CORE class; Wendy received CEU's
- ❖ For additional CEUs, Councilwoman Karen Orgen and STAB member Wendy Kelly took a class "Winter Wonderland" which explained the necessity of deep winter freezes for forest health.
- ❖ STAB is still two pages from the end of finishing with its review/edit of the CFMP (Community Forest Management Plan). Originally due in 2020, the deadline was moved to 2025. STAB wants to proceed with its review. We plan to consolidate

each members' annotations into one final document.

- ❖ Arbor Day Celebration and Planting was celebrated on October 21, 2021

October 21, 2021, 1:00 PM

On October 21, 2021, a splendid autumn Thursday, Teaneck's Shade Tree Advisory Board, the Department of Public Works and guests gathered in the town's Votee Park and celebrated National Arbor Day later than usual the usual spring planting because of the Covid pandemic. The Program consisted of planting a weeping cherry; and a reading aloud of a *Welcome*, the *Proclamation*, and a list of *Benefits of Trees*.

Caption for photo:

1 + 2: Council Members Karen Orgen + Mike Pagan; 3, 4 + 5: DPW members Roberto, Lester and Eddie; 6 = weeping cherry tree; 7= son of member Roby (#9); 8 = STAB member Ellen Schwartz; 9 = STAB member Roby Langert; 10 = STAB member Susan Berger; 11= Nancy Cochrane, Cochair of STAB; 12= Anna Kurz, Cochair of STAB
Not shown: STAB members Sandy Wolkenberg, Zina Barrera



- ❖ The last of our vacancies was filled by Susan Berger. We have no more vacancies.
- ❖ The town received a \$10,000 resiliency grant



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from NJ DEP that STAB hopes will be used for beginning a much-needed town-wide tree inventory. STAB members are currently researching available tree inventory softwares and negotiating their way through the grant process without the benefit of Kevin's valuable input.

- ❖ Trees of Love's (TOL -- in suspension) final installation of paver(s?) is the final item to be taken care of.

It is still unclear if/when TOL will resume. Over 100 native trees were planted in township parks.

- ❖ STAB has been granted the care and resuscitation of the Phelps Arboretum, normally the province of PPRAB, with the proviso that STAB's stewardship will not change the DPW's burden of work or expenses. In

May, STAB members equipped with Ilgenfritz' Arboretum maps, did a walk around the area and concluded that a return visit (or more) would be required to fully assess the condition and required improvements.

The blueprint of the area, prepared by the Teaneck Engineering Department in 1976, was scanned to size and a PDF file was provided to each STAB member. (The original paper drawing is 36" x 24").

GOALS

CFMP - Finish annotations and distribution to STAB members of the present CFMP;

Celebrate Arbor Day 2022

Phelps Arboretum - use the grid created by Ilgenfritz to make a census of the trees present now (there are new volunteer trees; some trees are diseased; some trees have died) to assess what can and should be done.

CEU's - get all STAB members CORE trained who are not yet trained; and have more members get CEU's

Continue to advocate for the planting of trees within the township to replace ageing-out trees and to make relevant Teaneck's designation as a Tree City. ■

