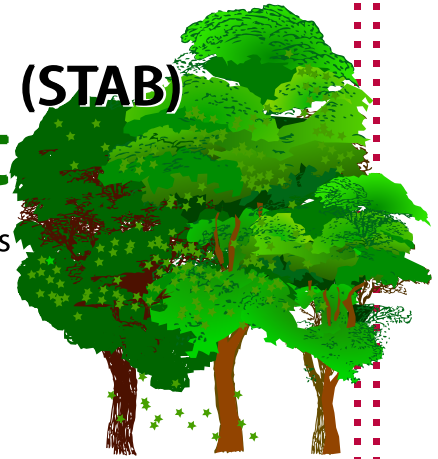




Township of Teaneck

Shade Tree Advisory Board (STAB) 2020 Annual Report



- ❖ Because of the Covid 19 pandemic, STAB met only three times: in January in person; in October and in November/ December (combined months) virtually, on zoom.
- ❖ Michael Pagan is our council liaison.
- ❖ In early 2020, the township met with Boards and (re)issued/reminded that these rules govern Boards:
 - Boards including STAB answer only to the council and all requests to be funneled through our liaison;
 - no member of the public may attend a STAB meeting without first being approved by the our liaison/council;
 - to remain a board member, the member must attend at least 50% of the meetings and be punctual.
- ❖ Arbor Day Celebration and Planting was cancelled; we hope 2021 will celebrate this event again.
- ❖ STAB is nearly finished with its review/edit of the CFMP (Community Forest Management Plan). Originally due in 2020, the deadline was moved to 2025. STAB decided nonetheless to proceed with its review. We are but two pages from the end and plan to consolidate each members' annotations into one final document.
- ❖ One of our vacancies was filled by Wendy Kelly. We have still a vacancy to fill.
- ❖ The town received a \$10,000 grant that STAB hopes will be used for beginning a much-needed townwide tree inventory
- ❖ Co-chair Cochrane attended (virtually) the NJ Tree Federation conference in October. It would be of benefit to the town if more (beside Barrera, Cochrane and Kurz) people were to become certified and to earn CEUs.
- ❖ Co-chairs Cochrane and Kurz met outdoors with Council Members Karen Orgen and Michael Pagan to become acquainted; they encouraged STAB to ask for their help.
- ❖ Trees of Love (TOL - currently in suspension) planted its last trees in late November. Installation of two pavers, (not yet finished by Written in Stone) are the only item to be taken care of; then, the whole initial TOL mission will be completed. Over 100 native trees were planted in township parks.
- ❖ The most recent STAB concern is the replacement of Votee Park's ageing-out trees (and possibly making that the next TOL generation, *Trees of Love Lite* – TOLL).

Members of the 2020 Shade Tree Advisory Board:

Nancy Cochrane - Co-Chair

Anna Kurz - Co-Chair

Zina Barrera, Wendy Kelly, Roby Langert, Ellen Schwartz, Sandy Wolkenberg - Members

Kevin Arahill - Department of Public Works Representative

Don Daume - Environmental Commission Representative

Michael Pagan - Council Liaison; (Keith Kaplan - former Council Liaison)