

# Agenda

## Shade Tree Advisory Board

Teaneck, NJ

December 12, 2024

*Combined November and December 2024 meeting*

Roll call

Minutes review/approval

From October meeting: Zina Barrera and Deborah Eliyahu are excused.

### Liaison reports

**DPW** – Michael Sermabekian

**Council** – Mayor Mike Pagan

**Environmental Commission** – Peter Goldman

### Old business

Miniature Forests report tabled until Zina's return in January 2025.

Annual Report and Goals – please (DO NOT INCLUDE ARBOR DAY) provide three items for inclusion in STAB's annual report (things done) and/or goals for 2025 ; leave a legible list with Anna at the December 12 meeting.

CEUs: Teaneck has thus far a total of 30.5 CEUs from nine contributors (two are municipal employees).

### New business

- Tree cutting/trimming permit update.(How many permits have been issued.) Nancy has a permit to show everyone.
- 2025 meeting dates.
- Grant available (use it for sprucing up Phelps Arboretum?)from the Bergen County Audubon Society.

Grant applications must be submitted between **January 1, 2025, and February 15, 2025**. Grant applications will be reviewed by the **BCAS Board of Directors and grants awarded by April 1, 2025**.

#### **ELIGIBLE PROJECTS**

Eligible projects will benefit local birds, pollinators or butterflies through habitat

enhancement or provide habitat for the study of nature at the elementary or secondary school level.

Habitat enhancement projects, such as habitat creation, **improvement, or restoration**. Examples of projects include, but are not limited to:

- Creation of butterfly, pollinator or hummingbird gardens using native plants
- Installation of nest boxes for purple martins, tree swallow, Eastern bluebirds, American kestrel, wood ducks, and/or owls
- Native trees/shrubs/wildflowers which are selected based upon suitability for wildlife habitat.

ArbNet - Anna has gotten in touch with The Interactive Community of Arboreta with a view to getting guidance for the resuscitation of Teaneck's Phelps Arboretum – and possibly becoming a member.

<http://arbnet.org/accreditation/levels-accreditation/level-i-criteria>



### Miscellaneous

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Next STAB meeting will be on January 23, 2025