

City of Ocean City
Shade Tree Committee Meeting
Agenda for Wednesday, July 22, 2026
City Hall, City Council Chambers, Room 301
861 Asbury Avenue, Ocean City, NJ 08226
AGENDA

Open Public Meetings Act Announcement: Adequate notice of this meeting has been given pursuant to Public Law 1975; Chapter 231

Meeting Called to Order:

Membership Roll Call:

Present:

Absent: Kyle Costello, (City Liaison)

*** Public Comment on Agenda Items Only**

Approval of the Minutes from 6/24/26

Old Business

- **Report on ongoing public landscaping and/or planting projects**
- **Donna Moore** will provide minutes from Shade Tree Committee Drive Tour.
- **Joe Clark** will provide an update about the **Mackenzie Helpenstine Memorial**
- **Discussion:** Revision of Ocean City NJ Permitted Trees List
- **Dangerous and Diseased Trees** - Sycamore at 603 Atlantic
- **Pesticides and Native Plantings:**
- **Donations** - Allyson Kliefoth - Joe will update when the family returns to Ocean City this summer.
- **Cash Buyouts** - Joe Clark will provide an update.. The cash buyout amount has been \$350. Committee previously suggested this be raised \$450 or \$500, which is the current cost of providing a single shade tree.

New Business

- Review of the Planning & Zoning Board applications as they pertain to the Ocean City Shade Tree ordinance for the following locations:

* 801 Wesley Avenue

* 201 Ninth Street

* 413 30th Street

- **Review of the Shade Tree Account -**

• **Marie Crawford** will introduce “**Native Tree Planting Recommendations for Ocean City, NJ,**” a guide for planting native trees which will reference tolerances, to salt, drought, flooding, and challenging conditions, such as wind, sidewalks, and under electrical wires. The purpose is to provide a resource to the committee/city. If approved, Marie agrees to cross-reference the guide with Ocean City’s Permitted Shade Tree List,” to be sure the tree choices are in agreement.

Pending Business to be considered at next Shade Tree Committee Meeting on August 26, 2026.

Public Comment -

Adjournment of the Meeting

Note: * Guest will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker at the discretion of the Committee Chairmen.

Marie Crawford, Secretary

(mgc 7/22/2026)