

**City of Ocean City  
Shade Tree Committee Meeting  
City Hall, City Council Chambers, Room 301  
861 Asbury Avenue  
Ocean City, NJ 08226**

**Meeting Minutes from Wednesday April 22, 2026**

**Meeting Called to Order: 9:04 AM**

**Open Public Meetings Act Announcement**

- Adequate notice of this meeting has been given pursuant to Public Law 1975; Chapter 231

**Membership Roll Call**

**Present:** Joseph Clark, Jr., Mary Louise Hayes, Joshua Linthicum, Michael Lehman, Marie Crawford, & Sandra Simpson

**Absent:** Kyle Costello, (City Liaison) & Donna Moore

**Public Comment on Agenda Items Only - none**

**Approval of the Minutes:** Wednesday, March 25th, 2026 minutes are approved.

**Old Business**

- **Shade Tree Committee Drive Tour** - Set for Thursday, April 9th, cancelled due to a transportation issue. Rescheduled to Monday May 4, 2026. Committee will meet at the first parking lot on the left on Shelter Rd., 9:15 AM. Rain or shine.
- **Arbor Day Ceremony:** Scheduled attendance for all committee members at the Primary School for the Arbor Day planting project, 10:00 AM Friday, April 24th, 2026. Committee should arrive by 9:45 to meet Joe Clark Jr. at front steps, enter from the front of the school and sign in. Free parking is available in the 5th Street parking lot across from the school's front entrance.
- **Donation** from Allyson Kliefoth - Joe spoke with her. Donation is in memory of her nephew. Joe will walk the site with her (North Street playground) and decide together on a variety of tree.
- **Suggestions:** Mary Louise Hayes suggested an additional planting at 34th Street in an area near the proposed cell tower to function as a natural screen and reduce flooding.

**New Business**

- Review of the following Planning & Zoning Board applications as they pertain to the Ocean City Shade Tree Ordinance for the following locations:
  - 316 E. Inlet Road - Approved for (1) tree
  - 141- 47 Haven Avenue - Approved for (2) trees. Committee recommends flood tolerant trees.
  - 3300-02 Simpson Avenue - Approved per plans presented with the recommendation of flood tolerant trees.
  - 3313-15 Bay Avenue - Bay Avenue: Recommend flood tolerant trees as appropriate, so as to not affect site triangle, and meet requirement of one tree every 40 feet, along Bay Ave. Trees along 34th Street are approved, per presented plans with the recommendation of flood tolerant varieties.
- Review of the Shade Tree Account - Postponed until our next meeting. Joe will update in Kyle's absence. Joe updated committee that he will speak with the city solicitor about raising the value of a tree donation from \$350 to between \$450 and \$500, as previously discussed.
- Future committee minutes will be distributed to Joe Clark Jr. by Marie Crawford, recording secretary until Kyle Costello returns. Joe will copy to Doug Bergman.

**Public Comment - None**

**Pending Business** to be considered at the next meeting on Wednesday, May 20th, 2026, 9:00 AM

**Adjournment of the Meeting** at 10:10 AM Minutes Submitted by M. Crawford, Secretary

