

Borough of Phoenixville

Tree Advisory Commission Meeting-Draft

January 9, 2023

Attendance: Commissioners – Mary Foote, Randy Morin, Susan Di Cerchio; Borough Representatives - Jennifer Logan, Jean Krack, Brian Watson, Alexis Strunk; Council Representative - Beth Burckley; Contract Arborist - Mike Dunn; Public Participants

Action items in **bold**

November Minutes Review:

- November minutes were approved.
- **Jennifer will finalize the November minutes on the website.**

TAC Member Update/Roles:

- Susan is writing up the methods for planning volunteer and contract planting events. **She will plan to share at the meeting next month.**

Arborist Update:

- The 2022 removal list is wrapping up, and the Borough needs to prep the 2023 removal list for ProMark.
- **Brandywine will work to update the list of removals.**

Budget and Invoices:

- TAC needs to get a final budget for the spring tree plantings. **Jean will get this info for the next meeting.**
- Tentatively we will plan to do the TreeVitalize Volunteer Planting (approximate cost - \$1800) and spring contract planting (approximate cost - \$7000).

Fall Planting Update:

- The 30 locations have been marked and 1-called. **Tree Authority will be planting as weather permits.**

Timing of Meetings:

- The timing of future meetings will change to 7 pm on 1st Mondays instead of 2nd Mondays at 6 pm.

Spring Plantings:

- Mary suggested that we focus on a 2-3 block area so that we can have the most impact. She is willing to knock on doors to get people involved.
- **Randy will use Mike's map to search out some areas for potential planting blocks.**

Arbor Day:

- TreeVitalize volunteer planting will likely be 4/15 or 4/22.

2023 Tree Removal List:

- 2023 list is still under development.

Public Comment:

- 1007 Callowhill St. (Sue Tyson) - Tree #1605 at 1009 Callowhill is beautiful but huge. She wonders when it might get removed; Mike inspected and has recommended pruning our dead wood and maintenance of oversize branches.
- 1205 Monroe Ave - Tree #1946; resident has submitted multiple requests; tree drops lots of branches and she is concerned about the large branches; Mike inspected and has recommended pruning out dead wood and oversize branches.
- 1206 Monroe (Amanda Brown) - Trees #1943 and #1942; Trees have dropped large live branches, not just dead ones. Tree is also impacting the sewer line. The one near the driveway is also damaging the sidewalks and driveway. Mike inspected and has recommended pruning out dead wood and oversize branches.

Communication Loop for Tree Service Requests:

- The communication loop for tree service requests from residents continues to be problematic. Multiple residents made requests over the last 6 months, but they did not receive any information about the outcome.
- Randy suggests an online tool for tree service request submissions and tracking could simplify this process and make it more efficient.
- **The Borough is going to work on these processes to get the issue worked out.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:51

Next meeting - Feb. 6, 2023 at 7 pm