

Tree Advisory Commission Meeting
Monday, March 6, 2023

Minutes

- I. Call to Order
at 7pm. Mr. Morin and Mr. Dunn excused.
- II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes
 - A. February 6, 2023 Minutes
Ms. Di Cerchio made a Motion to approve the February 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes.
Seconded by Mr. Shaw. Motion Approved 3-0.
- III. Public Comment
Colleen Kelleher, resident. She thanked the commission for trimming the tree in front of her home on Monroe Avenue and the trees of the neighbor across the street from her.

Melissa Gibbons, resident. She expressed her concerns about the removal of trees in her neighborhood on Virginia Avenue and Ringold Street. She would like to see larger shade trees planted to replace the numerous ones already removed.
- IV. Committee Member Updates/Discussions
Mr. Krack stated that the PPS committee recommended the appointment of Jane Dugdale to the commission. Should the Borough Council appoint her at their March 14, 2023 meeting, she would be on the commission starting on April 3, 2023 with a term expiring in 2025.
- V. Arborist Update – Mike Dunn
 - A. Inspections
Mr. Krack asked for an update on the inspections from Staff.

Ms. Logan stated she had not received any new recommendations and she is waiting for clarification on the expansion of some tree wells in the borough.
 - B. Update of Website Data
Mr. Krack explained the mandated removal of the Callery Pear trees as directed by the commonwealth. The removal will happen over three years with approximately 27 trees being removed each year. He explained the replanting process and discussion was held on planting a tree to replace the removed trees in honor of the Dogwood Festival.
 - C. Tree Tags
Ms. Foote reported that the trees from the last spring planting have been tagged but the fall planting trees will still need to be tagged and inventoried.
- VI. Current Focus Business
 - A. 2023 Tree Removal List
Mr. Krack provided an update of removals from ProMark.

B. 2023 Pruning List

Ms Foote asked if Bannan was able to keep up with the extensive list.

Mr. Watson confirmed that Bannan is able to keep up with the work list provided to him.

C. Budget Report

Mr. Krack stated Staff changed the format of the budget report so that it is easier to understand.

D. Spring Plantings

Ms. Di Cerchio reported she is working with the Borough Staff to confirm the locations of new trees. She stated that it is scheduled for April 22nd, 2023 with approximately 20 trees.

E. Tree Authority Planting Update

Ms. Foote indicated she believed that all of the trees from the fall planting were completed. She stated she would reach out to the Tree Authority to ask them to commit to a better schedule and have all trees planted in the year they were ordered.

F. Community Outreach

Ms. Logan stated that the tent, banners, and brochure displays had arrived for the commission.

Ms. Burckley confirmed that Staff should post on social media about the new tree planting and the plan for removal of the Callery Pear trees.

VII. New Business

None

VIII. Public Participation

Melissa Gibbons, resident. She asked about the replanting of the removed trees in her neighborhood. She also stated she works in the area of procuring trees and would be willing to help us secure larger shade trees for planting in the Borough.

IX. Adjournment

7:47 pm. Ms. Di Cerchio made a Motion to Adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Shaw.