

Borough of Phoenixville

Tree Advisory Committee Meeting

April 3, 2023

Attendance: Commissioners - Mary Foote, Susan Di Cerchio, Jane Dugdale, Travis Shaw;
Borough Representatives - Jean Krack, Brian Watson, Alexis Strunk; Council Representatives
- Beth Burckley; Contract Arborist - Mike Dunn; Public Participants

March Minutes Review:

- Not yet approved

TAC Member Update/Roles:

- TAC is at full member capacity with the addition of Jane Dugdale

Public Comment

- Bill Evans, 901 Gay Street
Responding to letter from Borough about Maple being removed in front of house. Wanted to know why it is being removed. Resident is requesting replacement trees. Susan will investigate for possible spring planting.

Arborist Update:

- Trees were identified on First Ave as being a type of Pears that were recently planted. The Borough is implementing a three year plan for removing all Callery Pears due to Pennsylvania new regulations
- Three year plan for also removing Ash trees instead of treating them. Ash trees 20" DBH and lower will be removed. Since Ash trees are going to be stopped being treated for Emerald Ash Borer extra money will be applied to tree planting and pruning. In order to avoid problems like these in the future Borough and TAC will work to diversify street tree species.

2023 Tree Removal List

- ProMark is working through the list provided by Mike Dunn for 2023. Promark is only going to be used for removals and not pruning. Bannon is only going to be used for pruning.

Budget and Invoices

- No change

2023 Spring Planting

- Mary and Alexis are coordinating with PHS for volunteer planting for April 22. Susan is volunteering to help out at the Earth Day Event in Reservoir park on April 22.

Community Outreach

- Beth would like to have a Dogwood planted at the end of the Dogwood Festival Parade. This was traditionally done, but is no longer part of the parade.