

Borough of Phoenixville
Tree Advisory Committee Meeting

June 5, 2023

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

May Minutes Review:

- Approved

TAC Member Update/Roles:

- No new news

Public Comment:

- Jim Wilkes 411 Carlisle Avenue

Emailed about tree being removed. Sent in request for tree removal on April 12th. Tree is causing property damage. Arborist has recommended that the tree doesn't need to be removed at this time. Mike will inspect tree a second time to check condition. Brian will inspect property damage caused by tree on Wednesday of this week.

- 976 Cherry Street

Request for trees to be removed was sent in January. Two trees requested to be removed in front of property. Tree ID #1524. Trees are causing damage to property and sidewalk. Arborist inspected trees and recommended that they don't need to be removed at this time but should be pruned. Brian will inspect property damage caused by tree on Wednesday of this week. Sidewalk cut outs were suggested in order to solve sidewalk damage problems.

- Bill Evens

901 Gay Street

Request for tree replacement sent in January. Tall stems from tree being removed was left by ProMark. Homeowner wanted to know time frame for rest of tree being removed. Areas where trees were removed have been left open for replacement trees. Stump grinding was done only about a foot and is going to cause issues for planting new trees in same area. Holes get prepped first so Borough will know if it's feasible to plant new trees.

Arborist Update:

- Mike Dunn has reviewed 15 trees. Insurance agent requested tree should be removed for homeowners policy.

2023 Tree Removal List:

- Updated removal list has been submitted.
- Certain Ash trees should be removed instead of treated.

2023 Pruning List:

- 300+ Trees are on pruning list for Bannon.
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Budget and Invoices:

- Budget season is staring if there need to be any changes for 2024.

Fall Plantings:

- Susan's list is being reviewed that was submitted to Brian for Fall Plantings.
- Alexis is going through tree replacement requests from residents.
- Susan spoke to Hammel's Nursery about plant material.
- Gator bags to be put on trees planted in spring.

Community Outreach:

- Dogwood Festival went well.

New Business:

- Jane to take the lead in exploring tree friendly sidewalk construction with possible changes to code.
- Susan exploring programs and funding inspired by Lancaster, Pa micro loan program for sidewalk repairs.

Meeting Adjourned 8:15