

Borough of Phoenixville

Tree Advisory Committee Meeting

August 7, 2023

Attendance: Commissioners - Mary Foote, Susan Di Cerchio, Randy Morin; Borough Representatives - Brian Watson, Alexis Strunk; Contract Arborist - Mike Dunn; Public Participants

Action items in **BOLD**

June Minutes Review:

- May and June minutes were approved.
- **Randy will look for June minutes from Travis and send them to Alexis.**

Public Comment:

- None

Arborist Update:

- 10 tree inspections were completed this month.

2023 Tree Removal and Pruning Lists:

- Mary brought up a concern about the need to respond to email questions in a timely way. **She will work with Alexis to get an auto reply setup.**
- ProMark is finishing up removals from the Jan-June 2023 removal list.

Budget and Invoices:

- Spending this year: 60% of operating; 30% of education; 70% of pruning and individual removals (Bannan); 60% of Tree Replacement Plan removals (ProMark)

2023 Fall Plantings:

- Volunteer Planting
 - Alexis started a list of locations. Randy and Mary will start with that and build a list for the 25 trees.
 - Volunteer planting will be on Sat. Nov. 18, 2023
- Contract
 - Alexis has identified 52 locations so far and also chosen several vendors (budget \$26K)
 - Borough needs to select species in these size categories: 48 small and 37 medium. TAC can help select species.

Community Outreach:

- Mary suggests that we should plan some more pruning events.
- Susan brought up the idea of a microgrant program for sidewalk repair. Could the Borough partner with the local institutions to manage funds? Borough would also need to discuss how to administer the program and assess if there are legal issues. Mike suggested reading about programs in Louisville, KY and Lancaster, PA.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39

Next meeting - Sept. 5, 2023 at 7 pm