

Borough of Phoenixville

Tree Advisory Committee Meeting

September 5, 2023

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

Action items in **BOLD**

August Minutes Review:

- Randy dropped the ball on sharing the notes from August.
- **Randy will share draft August minutes for approval.**

Public Comment:

- None

Committee Update:

- Mary nominated Susan to serve as TAC Chair for a year. All are in favor. Susan will start acting as Chair at Oct. meeting.
- Jane is working with Mike Dunn to propose an amendment to the Borough Code about sidewalks. The proposal includes alternative materials and installation methods.
- Susan talked about the sidewalk microgrant idea for helping residents cover sidewalks that have been damaged by trees. **Susan will write up a draft to get this project started.**

Arborist Update:

- Completed inspections on 9 trees with 1 removal recommendation.
- Very nice sidewalk install around a tree at 5 Anderson.

2023 Tree Removal and Pruning Lists:

- ProMark is still working on the removal list
- Bannan is working through the pruning list.

Budget and Invoices:

- No change

2023 Fall Plantings:

- Volunteer Planting
 - Randy placed the order for 25 trees. **Mary and Randy will finish planning the planting sites and submit the list for 1-call and pre-digging by the beginning of Nov.**
 - **Jane is coordinating an art project with an artist friend, Jolie Chylack, who will work with the Barnstone that could be coordinated with volunteer planting (art would be displayed in a park where we do demo plantings).**
- Contract

- Alexis has the locations for 85 trees. The Borough would like input on which species to select. **Alexis will send the list of locations and vendors, and TAC will make recommendations about species.**

Community Outreach:

- Sat., Sept 23rd is the Green Earth festival - **TAC will have a table; Susan will volunteer for an hour; Mary can find some volunteers to also cover the table.**

Subdivision Plans:

- Brian shared two plans for Ringold and Ashland developments. Both include some trees.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30

Next meeting - Oct. 2, 2023 at 7 pm