

Borough of Phoenixville

Tree Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes (Virtual)

October 5, 2023

Attendance:

Commissioners – Susam DiCerchio, Mary Foote, Jane Dugdale,
BC Liaison Beth Burckley
Borough Representatives - Brian Watson, Alexis Strunk,
Arborist: Mike Dunn
Call to Order: 7pm

September Minutes Review:

- The August and September minutes have been approved and will be posted to the Borough website. Mary to ask Randy to forward to Alexis.

Presentations

- None

Public Comment

- B Evans 901 Gay Street requesting replacement trees. S. DiCerchio offered to connect with Bill around species and has placed his request on the fall contract planting.

TAC Appointments:

- There is one opening.
- Beth to reach out to interested community member to follow up on his letter of interest.

Budget and Invoices:

- No updates.

Arborist Report

Mike reported an additional 13 trees were inspected and the results were forwarded to Alexis. 3 of those inspected were recommended for removal.

Fall 2023 TRP Planting:

There are approximately 85 trees on the list. Letters have gone out to property owners. Susan and Jane will visit Harmony Hill to look at trees on Wednesday Oct 11th. They may begin tagging the ones they like. Mike and Alexis will provide a list of preferred trees for urban planting.

Fall 2023 Volunteer Planting:

- Brian needs invoice and dates for pickup. He will also pick up Kim Scott's tree purchase for private property.
- Jane is working with Barnstone to have an arts project for display by the kids at Reeves beginning at 8am
- Jane will bring the refreshments.

- Final list for the planting will get to Alexis for letters and one calls early part of next week. Mary to furnish.
- Tree at Wasko's will be replaced by the volunteer planting and the invoice will be forwarded to the insurance company.

TRP Removal List:

- Looking to put together the list for 2024. This is the 4th of the 12-year plan. Brian said the number of tree removals will most likely go down as the borough gets more trees removed over time. A new contractor will have to be found as the new proposal from Promark doubled in price. The borough will go to Costars for information on contractors.

Community Outreach:

- Greenfest was rained out. Earthday is April 20th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm

Respectfully submitted, Mary Foote