Borough of Phoenixville

Tree Advisory Committee Meeting

November 6, 2023

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

Action items in **BOLD**

October Minutes Review:
- Mary will check on the minutes from October.
- We will approve them next month**.**

Public Comment:
- Couple from 1228 Monroe Ave (tree #1933) - tree causing problems for the last three years; big branches have fallen the roof and car; roots of the tree also cause sewer problem; tree is on the pruning list for Bannan; **Brian will get this tree moved up on the Bannan list**.
  - Suggestion for TAC: Compile some information about how to deal with sewer line issues when keeping a healthy tree

Committee Update:
- We still have one opening. Mary will try to recruit from our volunteers at the Fall planting.

Arborist Update:
- Reviewed 6 trees this month.

2023 Tree Removal and Pruning Lists:
- ProMark has finished up the 2023 list.
- Borough is working on hiring an arborist for 2024 with an RFP (approximately 86 trees)
- 2023 pruning list is very large (~600 trees).
  - Brian will look into getting a second contractor involved or if Bannan can add a 2nd crew

Budget and Invoices:
- Spending is on target

2023 Fall Plantings:
- Volunteer Planting on Nov. 18th
    - Event will start at 8 am with an art show at the gazebo
    - Borough will provide 2 trucks with supplies.
    - Ginger Murphy is going to help with getting the waivers signed.
- Contract
    - Trees have been ordered and will be delivered on the 14th.
    - Borough crews will be doing the planting.

Spring Plantings:

- Susan suggests we start planning for spring plantings.

Volunteer Pruning Events:
- Mary plans to plan pruning events in Jan, Feb, March.

December TAC Meeting:
- December TAC meeting will be canceled.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48

Next meeting - Jan. 8, 2024 at 7 pm