

Borough of Phoenixville

Tree Advisory Committee Meeting

February 5, 2024

Attendance: Commissioners - Mary Foote, Susan Di Cerchio, Jane Dugdale, Randy Morin; Borough Representatives - Brian Watson, Alexis Strunk; Contract Arborist - Mike Dunn; Borough Council Liaison - James Carminito; Public Participants (none)

Action items in **BOLD**

Public Comment:

- None

January Minutes Review:

- Mary recommends approval of the Jan minutes.
- TAC votes to approve.
- **Alexis will post minutes to the website.**

Committee Update:

- Welcome James Carminito will be joining the TAC as Council Liaison.
- We still need one more committee member.
 - **Jane will send a note about the opening to the Green Team mailing list.**
- Susan is working on a draft grant program for sidewalk repair.
 - James will share it with the Infrastructure Committee for review when it is ready.

Arborist Update:

- Reviewed 3 trees this month
 - 425 Gay - prune sweetgum
 - 1229 Madison Ave - pin oak; remove due to hypoxylon canker
 - 83 Washington Ave - prune
- TAC notes for arborist:
 - Missing tree tags on Franklin Ave near Commons (probably were tag #s 2807 and 2809)
 - Large oak in need of pruning at 313 Franklin Ave. - prune out dead and away from house

Budget:

- Same as last year

2024 Tree Removal and Pruning Lists:

- **Brian is working to get a contractor in place for 2024 Tree Replacement Plan removals.**

Fall 2023 Contract Planting:

- **Borough is going to get started soon on planting the 80 trees.** They expect to be done by April.

2024 Spring Plantings:

- We are going to skip the volunteer planting in Spring 2024 due to a busy celebration day for Borough and lack of planned locations for planting
- **TAC will celebrate Arbor Day at the Green Fest instead.**
- **Susan will plan to cover the TAC table, but she will need help setting up the tent.**
- Contract planting Spring 2024:
 - **Susan is choosing approx. 20-25 planting locations.**

Volunteer Pruning Events:

- Next event on Feb. 10th at 10:00 AM.
- Craig Brown has been pruning all around the downtown area.

New Business:

- Borough Council member Beth Burckley would like to plant a dogwood tree annually at the Dogwood Festival.
 - **will check for available dogwood stock at Colonial Gardens.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm

Next meeting - Mar. 4, 2024 at 7 pm