

Borough of Phoenixville

Tree Advisory Committee Meeting

August 5, 2024

Attendance: Commissioners - Mary Foote, Susan Di Cerchio, Randy Morin; Borough Representative - Brian Watson; Borough Council Liaison - James Carminito; Volunteer - Justin Gordon

Action items in **BOLD**

Public Comment:

- N/A

June Minutes Review:

- Susan recommends approval of the June minutes. Randy seconds the motion.
- TAC votes to approve.
- **Alexus will post minutes to the website.**

Potential Planting Contractor - Bates Landscaping:

- Bates Landscaping has presented a proposal for planting trees that includes the “most expensive option” per tree option (if trees are not grouped). If we can plant in groups then the per tree price will come down. Bates and Borough staff can also work to gain efficiencies through collaborations for site prep, soil/compost needs, etc. Once we develop a planting plan for Fall 2024 we can share it with Bates for an updated price.
- Based on our planting budget and expected costs we will plan for 75 trees.
- Brandywine has completed an updated inventory which includes 216 suggested planting sites.
- Bates can also offer watering services in the future.

Committee Update:

- Jane has not attended or responded in months. We hope she is OK. Mary will reach out through the Green Team for an update.
- Justin Gordon has heard from Council about getting interviewed for the appointment.
- Randy will check in with Jennifer Chandler as well.

Arborist Update:

- N/A

Budget:

- Borough is purchasing a new stump grinder which will allow us to prep sites quicker after removals.
- Bannan is about halfway through the pruning budget.

Planning for Future Planting Projects:

- James suggested developing a multi-year plan to plant out the sites. Brandywine has delivered a list of 216 planting sites, but James was hoping for more like 1,000 sites.
- Randy has a map of potential sites based on [Brandwine's previous list of potential sites \(~1,500\)](#). These locations were overlaid with an urban tree canopy map to select locations with sparse tree cover. ([Map of potential locations](#))
- One area that we want to focus on is Main St between Bridge and Washington.

Fall Volunteer Planting:

- We plan to plant about 15-18 more large trees in Reeves Park and 5- 10 at the disc golf course.
- Planting event will take place on Nov 23, 2024.
- TAC will have locations planned for 1-call prior to Nov. 1st.
- [Map of potential sites](#)

Volunteer Pruning:

- N/A

Community Outreach:

- Justin had some ideas for some community outreach activities (arts, crafts, educational) at future outdoor events or festivals. Since Green Fest at the Farmer's Market will be in late Sept. we will discuss this at the Sept. TAC meeting to plan.

New Business:

- N/A

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm

Next meeting - Sept 9, 2024 at 6 pm