

Borough of Phoenixville

Tree Advisory Committee Meeting

November 4, 2024

Attendance: Commissioners - Mary Foote, Randy Morin, Justin Gordon; Borough Representatives - Brian Watson, Alexis Strunk; Borough Council Liaison - James Carminito; Contract Arborist - Mike Dunn, Brandywine; Volunteer - Jen Chandler

Action items in **BOLD**

Public Comment:

- Elona Mears (sp?) (Tyler Ave - Tree #2313) - resident is worried about the tree due to lots of acorns dropping; Mike inspected and reported a healthy tree but recommended pruning of dead wood

October Minutes Review:

- Mary recommends approval of the October minutes. Justin seconds the motion.
- TAC votes to approve.
- **Susan will submit a PDF for Alexis to post minutes to the website.**

Committee Update:

- Jane Dugdale has submitted her resignation.
- Jen Chandler's application should still be in the system.
- **Alexis will check on the status.**

Arborist Update:

- Mike reviewed 4 trees this month and reviewed a development plan (see below).

Fall Volunteer Planting:

- We plan to plant 17 large trees in Reeves Park, 12 at the disc golf course, and 1 on Hall St. (Cost \$2600)
- Randy has marked all the locations for 1-calls.
- Borough streets dept will pre-dig the holes.
- **Mary will plan to pick up coffee and donuts.**
- Planting event will take place on Nov 16, 2024 at 9 am.
- [Map of sites](https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1botSAC_6xFjxEeuzSFTeIBRUNPyS1Y&usp=sharing) -
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2024 Tree Removal List:

- New contractor will be back later this month.

Community Outreach:

- James suggested partnering with the school district to increase tree cover on district property. This would also give us an opportunity to increase communications with the high school.
- **Justin will reach out to the high school club about attending the volunteer tree planting**

Fall Contract Planting:

- Alexis is still finalizing plans for the 100 trees. Residents on Anderson, Melvin, Diana, Main St, and more have been contacted.

Review of Development Plans:

- 226 Nutt Rd - potential apartment building development; Mike reviewed vegetation planting plan and offered suggestions to share with developers (detailed a tree protection plan and partially focused on saving large trees and proper planting specifications);
- We discussed how feedback from Mike and TAC can be responded to by the developer.
- James will contact Brian Moore who serves on the Planning Commission.
- Mike will review Tree Protection plans on the Borough website to see if they should be updated.

2025 Tree Removal List:

- Mike is still working on this list.

New Business:

- None

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting - Jan 6, 2024 at 6 pm