

Borough of Phoenixville

Tree Advisory Meeting

Date: 2025/08/04

Attendance:

Committee Members: Mary Foote, Susan Di Cerchio, Justin Gordon, Jennifer Chandler (not in attendance), Heidi Warning; Borough Representatives - Brian Watson, Alexis Strunk; Borough Council Liaison - James Carminito (not in attendance); Contract Arborist - Mike Dunn, Brandywine Urban Forest (not in attendance).

Action items in **BOLD**

Minutes Review

- July meeting approved.

Public Comment

- Ken Schutter, 142 4th Ave. - Re: Oak #299 dead limbs need pruning, wants an assessment, filled out application earlier in the day
- Barbara Wood, 95 2nd Ave - Re: Oak in front of house needs tree limbs over roof pruned. **Per Brian Watson: Bannon will tend to in about 2 weeks**
- Zac Ziobro, 512 S. St. - wants to remove invasive trees on borough property adjacent to his property. **Borough will do per Brian Watson.**
- Collin and Kaitlin Kilroy, 512 W. Anderson - tree on list for pruning but would like to have the work moved up due to large limb falling last week. **Brian Watson will check Bannon's schedule to accommodate.**

Committee Update

- Black deer protector tubes from last year's volunteer planting in Reeves and Reservoir Park have been removed. The need for wire trimming protection at base of all trees is needed. **Brian to look into how these can be supplied with very important perforations for air circulation (DIY or purchase ready made). Wire mesh also still needed for lengthier trunk protection. Brian to see what is available.**

Arborist Update

- RFP out as of this meeting.

Current Business

- Budget Report
 - ~\$4,000 left in operational supplies. Be mindful of purchases.
- Fall Plantings
 - Last year's fall planting almost completed.
 - This year's fall planting is currently being assessed regarding sites and species recommendations
- Community Outreach
 - TAC will attend Friday 1st event on Bridge St. on October 1.
- Emerald Ash Borer Treatment
 - Borough staff have inspected the ash and their opinion is to not treat the trees for EAB, see if they survive, and if they do not survive, borough will remove and replace. Committee members suggest that treatments occur on at least a large sub-sample of the ash. Any EAB treatment (would have to be paid out of the tree replacement budget (\$59,270 remaining). **Still need to determine if or how we can select a sample of preferred trees to treat.**

New Business

- Nothing to report

Meeting adjourned sometime later in the pm

Next meeting - Sept. 3, 2025 at 6:00 pm