

Tree Advisory Commission Meeting

Monday, June 1 2026

Minutes

Committee: Ms. Foote, Ms. Di Cerchio, Mr. Gordon

(Chandler and Warning not present)

BC Liaison: Mr. Weiss

Staff: Mr. Watson, Alexis Strunk

ACTION ITEMS ARE IN **BOLD**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes
 - A. Meeting Minutes - minutes approved
- III. Public Comment #1
 - A. Leslie Mapp (speaking for her parents)
1221 Garfield Ave., regarding tree #1955 and submitted request for pruning or removal after fixing sewer line issue and now facing sidewalk damage.
Brian Watson will follow up with her on the status of the tree by the end of the week.
 - B. Andrew Dun of Phoenixville asked where the Dogwood will be planted in Reeves Park this year (*sponsored by the Jaycees*). Site has been chosen near the one that was removed.
 - C. Rich McGuigan (1279 Tyler Ave) 2341 - asked about stump removal after tree was removed. Contractors could not remove the entire very huge stump. **Watson will use in-house grinder to finish the job.**
 - D. Brian Mercovich (233 4th Ave) - asked about the status of stump removals along north side of 4th Ave near Nutt. **Brian Watson will address this along with the one on Tyler.**
 - E. Douglas Christman (143 4th Ave) - asked about the status of swapping out trees for the ones that were removed from the removal list. (see IV.B. for further discussion)
- IV. Committee Member Updates/Discussions
 - A. Humphry Marshal Tree Sapling Giveaway - David Warlick, Sanitation Superintendent says that he will be happy to deliver any future saplings in order to simplify the give-away process.
 - B. Tree Removal List Swapping - #245 Pin Oak at 136 Third Ave. was discussed as a candidate. Do we prune it resulting in hardly any tree remaining or simply remove? **Considerations for this tree and others are ongoing and TBD.**
 - C. #382 Basswood, #381 Basswood and #380 Pin Oak along 400 block of Main across from Reeves Park - were originally on the Removal List, now taken off. Brian Watson noted that the main worry is structural integrity. #380 leans toward the street and #382 has a large limb to one side making it potentially structurally

unsafe. Both #382 and 381 have very heavy crowns. Brian Watson noted that an emergency removal took place on Third Ave. due to this very same issue where the tree base began to crack threatening the house behind it. Susan asked can we mitigate these very real potential dangers through careful and selective pruning thereby preserving the canopies that these trees make contiguous with the other trees in Reeves Park.

Considerations are ongoing and TBD.

V. Current Focus Business

- A. 2026 Removal List - is essentially done for this year. Discussion ensued about 2027 list. The TAC commissioners will review as soon as it has been compiled.
- B. 2026 Fall Plantings - about 40 locations have already been selected with the goal of 80 plantings total for this year. Discussion followed about choosing sites and species carefully with consideration to the architecture, other trees on the street and front lawns, overheads, etc. Brian Watson noted that the empty site in front of the record store on Main should be assessed. **Susan will do.**
- C. 2026 Volunteer Pruning - after a well attended sucker removal event this past weekend it was noted that other neighborhood areas need to be addressed. **A second event will be planned at the next meeting along with a Fall pruning event.**
- D. Budget Report - no issues
- E. Community Outreach - Arbor Day will be moved to coincide with Earth Day and Greenixville Farmers Market event will be targeted for another TAC attendance if possible.

VI. New Business

- A. RFPs - (for complete inventory and assessments of all tagged public trees) are due this week. Borough staff will make decision soon thereafter. Brian Watson will get schedule from RFP contestant for removal list before leaf-out of next year so that TAC can do its inspections when trees have been leafed-out. Removals will occur after nesting season.
- B. The borough will use the services of an on-staff certified arborist from Gilmore & Associates, Inc. (www.gilmore-assoc.com) on an as-need basis.

VII. Public Comment #2

- A. Sharon Pronchik (234 4th Ave) - Asked about volunteering for locating tree planting sites.
- B. Chris Andre (425 Vanderslice) - noted the paucity of birds in his neighborhood, especially chickadees, white throated sparrows and blue jays.

VIII. Adjournment - Adjournment approximately 7:00 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, July 9, 2026 at 6:00 pm.