

Borough of Phoenixville

Tree Advisory Commission Meeting

June 11, 2018

Attendance: Commissioners – Randy Morin, Craig Brown, Joseph Lynch, Susan Di Cerchio, Joseph Christopher; Borough Representative - Brian Watson; Volunteer - Paul Kusko

Action items in **bold**.

**Public Comment:**

- None

**May Minutes Review:**

- May minutes were approved and posted to the web.

**Budget and Invoices:**

- Invoices are still missing for 6 jobs that Steve has completed. Should we ask Steve to re-bill and/or is it possible that he has not billed? Craig has given the list of 6 jobs to Brian.
- 253 Morgan - was already removed by John Westerman - is he now also doing Borough tree work? Will we be getting invoices from him too? Brian advised that Westerman was not paid by the Borough for this work.
- 2019 budget request is due by the end of the month. **Joseph Lynch will pull together a draft budget for 2019.**

**New Tree Ordinance Draft:**

- Policy Committee approved the draft 3-0.
- Will go to Borough Council for approval. If approved, there is a 30-day public comment period.
- **TAC will look for the approved ordinance and respond appropriately.**

**Spring Tree Planting:**

- Craig asked about guards for newly planted trees.
- **Brian will have 50 guards cut for the TAC.**
- Craig noticed tree damage in Reeves Park on many trees. **Brian will remind his crews to be careful with weed wacking.**

**Tree Replacement Plan:**

- Craig is having trouble finding enough medium sized trees for a tree planting of 50.
- TAC will keep investigating the idea of a nursery on the compost site property.
- Spring newsletter article is due in early July. **Susan and Randy will finalize the article and give to the TAC for one more review before submission (due early July).**

**EAB Treatment:**

- TAC will go forth with Bartlett.

#### **Spotted Lanternfly:**

- Craig suggested a tree-of-heaven eradication program.
- Joseph talked about the potential for saving ailanthus trees as host trees.
- **TAC will keep this as an active topic.**
- **Susan will draft up an article about spotted lanternfly for the Fall newsletter (due early July).**

#### **Collaboration with Beautification Advisory Commission:**

- Plan is to do some planting at Joe Rowan Park in the fall.

#### **June Inspections:**

- 902 Woodlawn - removal request due to mold. - **No work recommended**
- 63 Pennsylvania Ave. - pruning request due to branches hitting house - **Prune hazard 3 - tree touching house.**
- 64 Valley Rd. - permit application for pruning or removal of 3 trees - **approve permit for removal of C-tree and pruning of A- and B-trees (scope of work to prune out dead and elevate above yard)**
- 409 Park Dr. - removal or pruning request for 3 trees - **prune both trees - hazard 2 (Third tree is dead and is not a Borough tree)**
- 742 Cedar - tree has caused lots of damage to his truck and sidewalk; he wants the tree to be removed; **TAC will inspect the tree and get back to him on whether removal will be recommended. If not, resident will submit a permit application for removal. Craig will contact resident.**
- 541 Columbia - pruning request for low branches - **This tree is already on Tree Replacement Plan list for removal.**
- 1222 Garfield - removal request due to animal living inside; may not have been fully leafed out yet. - **Added to Tree Replacement Plan as removal**
- 220 Anderson Ave. - request removal of 2 large trees that drop limbs and cause mold on roof. - **No work recommended.**
- 401 Anderson Ave. - request pruning of large oak. **Approve permit request to prune out dead.**
- 411 City Line Ave. - request pruning of large oak. **Added to Tree Replacement Plan as removal.**
- 417 City Line Ave. - request removal due to falling branches. **No work recommended.**
- 500 Gay Street - Serviceberry tree killed by landscaping - **Violation - recommend reimbursement for a replacement tree.**
- 534 Chester Ave. - request removal due to disease and sidewalk damage (Bannan recommended removal) **Prune hazard 1**
- 535 Chester Ave. - request pruning - **Prune hazard 2**
- 1206 Tyler Ave. - request removal - **This tree is already on Tree Replacement Plan list for removal**
- 1267 Tyler Ave. - request removal - **No work recommended.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm