

Borough of Phoenixville

Tree Advisory Commission Meeting

July 9, 2018

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

Action items in **bold**.

Public Comment:

- none

June Minutes Review:

- June minutes were approved and posted to the web

Budget and Invoices:

- Randy submitted a draft budget for 2019

New Tree Ordinance Proposal:

- There was a good deal of discussion regarding the proposed ordinance which will have public comment at the Borough Council Meeting on July 10. Although there are some concerns remaining, the TAC members decided not to craft a statement by the TAC for the public comment part of the Council Meeting. Instead, some members may attend the meeting and speak as residents regarding their remaining concerns. The primary concerns seems to be in figuring out how much of the tree maintenance will fall to residents as opposed to the Borough and how much of this activity by residents will require permits.

Tree Replacement Plan:

- Susan and Randy finalized and submitted an article about the Tree Replacement Plan for the fall newsletter. **Susan is crafting an ending to the article, and Randy will provide the graphics. Susan plans on having the completed article ready and in Debbie's hands before next week's July 16 deadline.**
- In order to move toward the purchase of approximately 50 trees to be planted later this year as part of the Tree Replacement Plan, Craig has sent the account application from the nursery to the Borough. The Borough is still working through the application/credit information for SiteOne and expects to have the account open very soon so that the Borough can purchase trees. **Joseph Christopher will select some medium sized tree species for us to include in our Fall tree order.**

EAB Treatment:

- **Randy confirmed the contract with Bartlett for \$4,225.**

Spotted Lanternfly Outreach:

- Susan drafted an article about spotted lanternfly for the Fall newsletter which is also due in early July. **She will include information from the recent Spotted Lantern Fly workshop in her newsletter entry.**

Collaboration with Beautification Advisory Commission:

- Plan is to do some planting at Joe Rowan Park in the fall. **Craig will look for 6 to 8 suitable small trees to plant along the High Street side of the park as part of our TreeVitalize Fall Planting in coordination with the BAC's landscape plans.**

July Inspections:

- 16 Anderson Ave. - pruning request due to branches on utility lines. **TAC recommends pruning tree away from neighbor's wires - hazard 2.**
- 87 Second Ave. - removal request due to wasps gathering near car. **TAC does not approve removal of tree but recommends pruning out dead wood. Hazard 1**
- 91 Second Ave. - pruning request due to dead limbs. **TAC recommends approving request for pruning - hazard 2.**
- 145 Washington (Craig requested inspection). **TAC recommends pruning out large dead branches and pruning for elevation over road. Hazard 3.**
- 163-165 Second Ave. - pruning request due to dead limbs and building conflict. **This tree has already been added to the Tree Replacement Plan for removal.**
- 315 Nutt Rd. - pruning request due to dead limbs and building conflict. **TAC approves pruning request and Joseph Christopher (as a certified arborist) promised the resident that he would do the pruning.**
- 410 Ann St. - pruning request due to dead limbs and branches in utility lines. **TAC recommends approving request for pruning dead and for elevation - hazard 1**
- 523 Reeves (Craig requested inspection). **TAC recommends adding this tree to the Tree Replacement Plan due to signs of root rot.**
- 550 Columbia Ave. - removal request for 6 trees on Columbia and Madison. **The TAC does not recommend the removal of any of these trees but recommends pruning the "A" tree on the Columbia side of the property - hazard 2.**
- 1009 Cherry - 2-Year Reinspection - **The TAC does not see any work needed on either Borough tree.**
- 1213 Monroe Ave. - removal request due to dead limbs and decay at base of tree. **TAC added this tree to the Tree Replacement Plan due to signs of root rot.**
- 1213 Campwood Rd. - pruning request due to large, dead limb over street. **The TAC recommends pruning the "A" tree - hazard 2, and pruning the "B" tree (the Linden) for elevation - hazard 1.**

The Borough is still missing invoices from the borough's arborist for 6 jobs done late last year and early this year. There also looks to be a possible overbilling on the stump grinding shown on the June 1 invoice from the borough arborist. Brian says that he will take care of both of these issues.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm