

Borough of Phoenixville

Tree Advisory Commission Meeting

September 10, 2018

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

Action items in **bold**.

Public Comment:

- Resident of 161 Main St – 15 year homeowner; she is concerned by the condition of the sidewalk that has been raised by the tree in front of her house; **TAC will go look at the tree with the homeowner and try to come up with a solution.**

August Minutes Review:

- August minutes were approved and posted to the web page.

Budget and Invoices:

- Only one invoice from the Borough came in since the last TAC meeting. None of the tree work invoiced had been recommended by the TAC.
- **Craig will keep asking Deb Dominici for updates.**

New Tree Ordinance Proposal:

- Borough Council approved the new tree ordinance.
- Craig pointed out the contradiction between required minor maintenance and the ordinance not allowing pruning by homeowners. The ordinance was amended to clarify that minor pruning is allowed and expected. **This is a problem that the TAC will need to monitor.**
- TAC needs to be reviewing plans for Planning Commission. **Randy will contact Deb Dominici about getting the plans on a regular basis.**

Tree Replacement Plan:

- The Borough has completed its application to the local nursery however now needs to get bids from two other nurseries before it can place its order.
- Craig has secured a bid for potted trees. These can be planted by the nursery and guaranteed for 1-year at double the price if the nursery also does the planting.
- Craig has researched and selected a few species of medium sized tree to consider.
- **Craig will give Brian the list and he will compare some prices.**
- TAC agrees that we should buy trees (50-60). **The Borough Streets Dept. will plant them in the Fall.**
- Paul mentioned Eaton Nurseries (near Hamburg, PA). **Randy will give them a call.**
- Paul mentioned that TreeVitalize can get us extra bare-root trees. **Paul will send out some info via email.**

- Susan suggested that when we start a planting in different wards we should work with the Council person from that neighborhood.

September Inspections:

- **59 Pennsylvania** - two year reinspection - **prune hazard 1**
- **81 Second Ave** - removal request - **no work needed**
- **160 Chester** - suggested pruning - **prune hazard 2**
- **161 Main** - pruning request - **prune hazard 2**
- **178 Chester** - pruning request - **prune hazard 2**
- **230 Griffen** - suggested addition to Tree Replacement Plan - **add to TRP**
- **234 Griffen** - two year reinspection - **no work needed**
- **287 Griffen** - recommended for Streets Dept. removal - **Streets Dept. should remove**
- **338 Washington** - suggested removal of dead tree along Lincoln - **remove hazard 2**
- **340 Washington** - removal request of two trees along Lincoln - **add both trees to TRP**
- **375 Second Ave** - removal request - **Add to TRP**
- **379 Second** - removal request - **no work needed**
- **381 First** - prune or remove request - **add to TRP**
- **424 Anderson** - removal request - **add to TRP**
- **731 Valley** - two year reinspection - **prune hazard 2**
- **865 Woodlawn** - suggested addition to Tree Replacement Plan - **add to TRP**
- **901 Gay** - removal request - **remove hazard 3 - "A" tree on Griffen**
- **1155 Callowhill** - pruning request of large branch over house - **prune hazard 2**
- **1157 Callowhill** - suggested addition to Tree Replacement Plan - **add to TRP**
- **1200 Garfield** - removal request - **This tree is already on list for Tree Replacement Plan.**
- **1212 Monroe** - pruning request of large branch over house - **prune hazard 2**
- **1240 Madison** - pruning request for two trees - **prune haz 1**
- **1264 Tyler** - two year reinspection - **add tree on corner to TRP**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm