

Meeting Agenda
State College Borough Tree Commission
September 24, 2019
Council Chamber
7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Public Hour**
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
- V. Public Hearing**
- VI. Discussion Items**
- VII. Items of Information**
- VIII. Future Meeting Date**
- IX. Reports of Interest**
 - A. Arborist Report
- X. Other Matters**
- XI. Adjournment**

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I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call – Introduction of Tree Commission

Lynn Herman, Chair
Elaine Schuckers, Vice-Chair
William Elmendorf
Bruce Rohrbach
Justin Wheeler

III. Public Hour – Hearing of Citizens

IV. Approval of Minutes – March 20, 2019, July 24, 2019 and August 6, 2019 (Pages 3– 13)

V. Public Hearing

The Tree Commission will hear from citizens concerning proposed tree removals and plantings for properties located throughout the Borough. (*See Tree Plantings and Tree Removal Lists attached.*)

VI. Discussion Items

Planned replacement of the James Building (121-123 South Burrowes Street). The property owner has plans to demolish the existing building and construct a new six story office building. In order to accommodate the construction, the developer has requested that one street tree be removed but plans to plant two new street trees when completed.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Commission review the removal request and provide recommendations to the property owner for the two new street trees to be planted when the project is completed

VII. Items of Information

VIII. Future Meeting Date

Wednesday, November 20 at 12:00 p.m.

IX. Reports of Interest

A. Arborist Report

X. Other Matters

XI. Adjournment

Meeting Minutes
State College Borough Tree Commission
March 20, 2019

The Borough's Tree Commission (TRC) met on Tuesday, March 20, 2019, in the Administrative Conference Room of the Service Facility, located at 330 South Osmond Street. Mr. Herman, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Members Present

Lynn Herman, Chairman; Elaine Schuckers, Vice-Chair; Bruce Rohrbach; and Justin Wheeler

Members Absent

William Elmendorf

Also Present

Alan Sam, Arborist/Environmental Coordinator; Deb Hoag, Public Works Director; Jasmine Fields, AmeriCorps Member; Stacy Hall, Administrative Assistant

Public Hour

No comments were heard during the public hour.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Rohrbach and seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the January 15, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as submitted. The vote was unanimously in favor.

Discussion/Action Items

Review Recommended Tree List

Mr. Wheeler said after reviewing the recommended list he did some research to determine if any of the trees listed were invasive either here or in another state. He shared the invasive plant list from the Maryland National Park Service. He said his initial findings were that none of the trees on the list for State College were on the invasive list. He added that three of the trees were on the "watch list" and they should be discussed in detail as needed. The members engaged in a discussion regarding other trees that the members thought were invasive but were not on the recommended tree list. Ms. Schuckers brought in a list of dangerous trees that should never be planted, and Mr. Wheeler confirmed that those trees were not on the recommended tree list. Mr. Wheeler said he would like to share a list of urban trees that were recommended for planting and would bring more information to the next meeting.

East Fairmount Park Improvements

Mr. Sam reviewed a presentation on the East Fairmount Park Improvements. He stated the park had been neglected for years and the Borough was applying for a Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant, a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), as well as additional federal funds to help finance the project. Mr. Sam reviewed pictures of the park and the improvement goals.

Ms. Schuckers said she liked the idea of involving the residents of the Highlands Neighborhood with the park renovation. Mr. Sam added that they would be assisting with the grant writing. He said the residents were very complimentary and eager to help. Ms. Schuckers offered to contact the Neighbor-To-Neighbor Program to get the fraternities involved. Mr. Sam suggested that they be asked to help with the long-term care of the park. Mr. Sam confirmed that the basketball court would be removed.

Mr. Sam said the grant application was due April 10 and, if awarded, the Borough would not be notified until October or November; therefore, the improvements would be a project for 2020. He brought in an endorsement letter for the members to review. A motion was made by Mr. Rohrbach for Mr. Herman to sign the endorsement letter on behalf of the entire TRC in support of the improvements to East Fairmount Park. Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion, and all were unanimously in favor.

Capital Improvement Plan Ideas

Ms. Hoag explained that the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) was a planning tool used by the Borough to look at larger projects that could be coming up within the next five years. She said to qualify as a CIP project the total cost must be over \$100,000 and not be considered maintenance. She added that CIP projects were due by April 5, 2019 and the TRC members were asked to provide any ideas for the CIP that could be considered more immediately or in the future.

No one brought up any ideas, but Mr. Herman said any ideas could be forwarded directly to Mr. Sam before the deadline.

Items of Information

Ms. Schuckers brought an article about urban beehives. Mr. Sam said he would keep the article for future reference. Mr. Sam confirmed there had been no confirmed sightings of the spotted lantern fly.

Future Meeting Dates

Wednesday, July 24 at 8:30 am (Drive Around)
Tuesday, August 6 at 8:30 am (Drive Around)
Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 pm
Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 pm
Wednesday, November 20 at 12:00 pm

Reports of Interest

Arborist Report

Mr. Sam said the Tree Crew finished removals and stump grinding would begin in April. He said planting would begin in May. He also reported he spoke at the Auditor General's Climate Crisis Meeting at Penn State University. He said the meeting was about the impact of climate change and a report would be forthcoming.

Other Matters

Mr. Sam reported a group of students attended the last Borough Council meeting and prepared a resolution for Council to sign regarding the Green New Deal that would update Resolution #944. The proposal would force the Borough to be more proactive in sustainability efforts to combat climate change. He said Council would be voting on the updated resolution sometime in April.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Herman adjourned the meeting at 12:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Hall
Administrative Assistant

**Tree Commission
Drive-Around Work Session
Tuesday, July 24, 2019**

The State College Borough Tree Commission (TRC) met on Tuesday, July 24, 2019, at the State College Borough Service Facility, 330 South Osmond Street, State College, PA at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present

Chairman Lynn Herman, William Elmendorf, Bruce Rohrbach and Elaine Shuckers

Also Present

Alan Sam, Arborist, Jasmine Fields, AmeriCorps Member, and Stacy Hall, Administrative Assistant.

Drive-Around Work Session

The Commission and other guests present traveled on a CATA bus to various sites and reviewed the **2019-2020 Proposed Tree Removals & Plantings List- (Part I).**

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Hall
Administrative Assistant

2019/20 Proposed Tree Removals & Plantings (part I)

Listed below are the sites visited by the Commission and comments and/or corrections to the list are shown in **bold face type**.

Address	Cell	Comments
750 Holmes	9	18" Sugar Maple - Request, decline. Replace with Tulip-poplar in line with one across street. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
619 McKee	22	Replace missing tree with Fruitless Coffeetree. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
619 McKee	3	Replace missing tree with Upright Sargent Cherry. The Tree Commission suggested replacing with a larger tree, such as a Swamp White Oak.
205 Hartswick	21	38" Sugar Maple - Decline, deadwood, & recently pruned. Eastern most lead split from trunk. Replace with Cucumber Magnolia. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
145 Hartswick	1	36" Norway Maple - Decay at base and 30 feet up. Hold off on planting until other Norway Maple comes down & then plant in cell 4. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
114 Ridge	4	Replace Ash with Dogwood? The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
130 Ridge	4	Replace Ash with Linden? The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
706 N. Allen	21	10" Turkish Filbert - Decline, Deadwood. Replace with Catalpa. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
821 Willard Street	5	New tree. Replace with Hybrid Maple. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
404 Martin Ter.	9	38" Pin Oak - Decline, deadwood. Replace with Tulip-poplar. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
1051 Taylor	4	16" Sugar Maple - Deadwood. The Tree Commission recommended replacing with a Sargeant Cherry and a letter be sent to the homeowner inviting them to the public hearing and asking if they would like a second Sargeant Cherry planted as well.
430 Orlando	7	Replace missing tree with Hardy Rubbertree. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
540 Orlando	4	Replace dead Redbud with Redbud. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
557 Glenn	3	Replace Hardy Rubbertree with same. Lawnmower Damage. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation and also recommended charging the homeowner for the replacement and inviting them to the public hearing.
510 Glenn	5	Replace dead Maple with Red Oak. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
504 Westview	6	24" Sugar Maple - Decline, deadwood. Replace? Not much room. The Tree Commission agreed with removal, but recommended to replace with a Hybrid Maple at 510 Westview, Cell 1.

618 Ridge	6	18" Sugar Maple - Decay at base. Replace with Fruitless Coffeetree. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
405 Hillcrest	5	Replace past removal with Fruitless Coffeetree. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
731 Sunset	19	New tree - Fruitless Sweetgum. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
500 W. College	20	14" Sugar Maple - Declining. Replace with Cherry. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
500 W. College	24	16" Norway Maple - Declining. Replace with Cherry. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
221 S. Barnard	4	35" Norway Maple - Request, decay, deadwood. Hold off on replacement. The Tree Commission recommended replacing with a Cucumber Magnolia in Cell 6.
400 S. Atherton	11	8" Ash - EAB. Replace with Catalpa. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
323 S. Barnard	4	24" Sugar Maple - Request, declining, recently deadwooded, frass at base. Replace with Linden. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
515 W. Nittany	5	3" Swamp White Oak - Decline. Replace with Planetree. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
218 S. Gill	3	18" Katsura - Request due to sidewalk damage. Wants to pick new tree. The Tree Commission did not agree with the request, but wished to worked with the homeowner.
704 W. Fairmount	3 & 5	Request to plant new/replacement trees. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation and suggested replacing with Galaxy Star Magnolias.
707 W. Fairmount	10	20" Honeylocust - Request, recent storm damage. The Tree Commission did not agree with the recommendation and suggested the homeowner appeal the decision to the Public Works Director.
Fairmount Island		8" River Birch, (2) Double 8" River Birch, 12" Red Pine, 10" River Birch, 16" Red Pine, 14" Scotch Pine. I am working with residents to develop new landscape plan and may want to remove all or some of these trees. Requesting permission/input from Commission. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation and suggested removing the Pines, but leaving the healthy Birch Trees.
909 W. Fairmount	7	24" Sugar Maple - Considerable dead. Replace with Red Oak. The Tree Commission agreed with the removal, but suggested replacing with a Red Bud in Cell 4.
909 W. Fairmount	10	Replacement Redbud. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
915 Robin Rd.	2	Replacement Redbud. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
919 W. Foster	3	Replace missing tree with Dogwood. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation and suggested a Constellation Dogwood.
324 S. Patterson	6	34" Sugar Maple - Decay 10 feet & 25 feet up. Replace with Dawn Redwood. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation, but if the homeowner protests, agreed to keep the tree for two years and just prune the top.
324 S. Patterson	6	38" Sugar Maple - Base decay. Replace with Dawn Redwood. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.

736 Westerly Pkwy	4	24" Red Maple - Possible, recent storm damage, off center, western lead dying and split. Replace with Ruby Red Horsechestnut. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
752 Westerly Pkwy	6	New tree? Possibly Ruby Red Horsechestnut. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
757 Westerly Pkwy	2	New tree? The Tree Commission agreed and recommended an Elm.
809 Westerly Pkwy	5	20" Sugar maple - Possible, deadwood, decay at base. Field on on replacement because of Birch behind walk? The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
1129 Dorum	6	28" Sugar Maple - Request, worried about condition of tree, minor deadwood. The Tree Commission denied the request as the tree was in good condition.
1145 Dorum	6	18" Sugar Maple - Deadwood. Replace with Fruitless Sweetgum. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
834 Hedgerow	4	22" Hackberry - Declining, conks at base, decay at branch union. Replace with Honeylocust? The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
732 Storch	4	Replace past removal with American Linden. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
721 Windsor	3	20" Sugar Maple - Possible, declined, trimmed for power lines. Replace with Hackberry.. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation, but suggested the tree be replaced with a Hedge Maple.
862 Webster	7	Replace with Japanese Pagoda Tree. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
1012 Greenfield	3	Replace dead Katsura with Sassafras. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
1040 Greenfield	1	Replace past removal with Sassafras. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
854 Wheatfield	1	Replace removed tree with Willow Oak? The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
1023 Saxton	2	22" Sugar Maple - Possible, declining, cabled, split, recently pruned. Replace with Cucumber Magnolia. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
939 Southgate	6	14" Ash - EAB. Replace with Dogwood. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
850 Stratford	2	Replace removed Ash with Hedge Maple (wires). The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
805 Stratford	4	6" Serviceberry - Decay, decline, not much left. No replacement recommended. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
511 Waupelani	3	18" Sugar Maple - General decline, under wires. Replace with Tree Lilac. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
424 Waupelani	1 & 2	Add two new trees directly across from O'Bryan. Hedge Maples? The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
560 Westerly	11	16" Sugar Maple - Dead top, recently pruned. Replace with Magnolia. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
Aikens Circle		Two large replacement trees? The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation and suggested an Oak and Tulip Poplar.
1184 S. Atherton	21	18" Sugar Maple - Decline. No replacement recommended because of gas line. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.

134 E. Doris	4	20" Zelkova - Decline, Deadwood, recently pruned. Replace with River Birch. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.

**Tree Commission
Drive-Around Work Session
Tuesday, August 6, 2019**

The State College Borough Tree Commission (TRC) met on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, at the State College Borough Service Facility, 330 South Osmond Street, State College, PA at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present

Bruce Rohrbach, Elaine Schuckers and Justin Wheeler

Also Present

Alan Sam, Arborist, Deb Hoag, Director of Public Works and Stacy Hall, Administrative Assistant.

Drive-Around Work Session

The Commission and other guests present traveled on a CATA bus to various sites and reviewed the **2019-2020 Proposed Tree Removals & Plantings List- (Part II)**.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Hall
Administrative Assistant

2019/20 Proposed Tree Removals & Plantings (part II)			
Stop	Address	Cell	Comments
1	222 Westerly Pkwy	6	36" Pin Oak - Decline, deadwood, chlorosis, conks at base. Replace with London Planetree. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
2	1630 S. Atherton	5	Replace dead 2" Hornbeam with Hornbeam. This was determined to be lawn mower damage and the Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
3	1318 University Dr.	1	26" Tulip-poplar - Past lightning strike, deadwood, recently pruned. Replace with American Linden. The Tree Commission agreed, but wished to replace with a Ginkgo.
4	486 Nimitz	6	Replace dead Redbud. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
5	1187 Garner	3	22" Norway Maple - Rapid decline. Replace with Sawtooth Oak. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
6	1251 Garner	7	29" English Oak. Decline. Replace with Sawtooth Oak? The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
7	1205 William	4	4" Serviceberry - Decline. No replacement recommended. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
8	1161 William	7	25" Sugar Maple - Decline. Replace with Sassatras. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
9	1161 William	4	19" Sugar Maple - Decline. Replace with Japanese Katsura. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
10	Across from 742 Walnut		8" Flowering Pear - Decline. No replacement recommended. The Tree Commission would like to wait until next year to decide whether or not to replace.
11	427 Easterly Pkwy.	5	14" Yellowwood - Possible, Dead & decay. Replace with Hybrid Maple. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
12	251 Easterly Pkwy.	Behind Walk	30" Red Oak - Decline, deadwood, chlorosis. No replacement recommended. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
13	911 Old Boalsburg	6	Replace Pagoda tree with same. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
14	247 E. McCormick	6	New tree - Hackberry? The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
15	324 McCormick	6	26" Sugar Maple - Recent storm damage, decay. Replace with Hardy rubber tree. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
16	423 Waring	1	Planting replacement tree. Approved last year. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
17	423 Waring	5	30" Sugar Maple - Decline. Replace with Coffeetree. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
18	444 Waring	2	Replace Fruitless Coffeetree from last year. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.

19	911 University Dr.	7	New planetree? The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
20	260 Waring	3	22" Sugar Maple - Possible, decay throughout main lead. Replace with Linden. The Tree Commission agreed, but wished to replace with a Redmond.
21	259 Waring	3	The Tree Commission wished to take down the Ash and replace with a Sweetgum.
22	247 Waring	6	The Tree Commission wished to take down the Sugar Maple and replace with an American Linden.
23	219 Waring	4	24" Sugar Maple - Possible, could deadwood. Replace with Catalpa. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
24	712 S. Pugh	4	Replace dead 6" Cherry with Cherry. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
25	626 E. Irvin	1	New tree. Something small due to overhead power lines. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation and chose a Dogwood for the replacement.
26	642 E. Irvin	6	28" Sugar Maple - Recent storm damage, one sided. Replace with Redmond Linden. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
27	642 E. Irvin	19	Replace dead Redbud. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
28	811 University Dr.	2	New tree. Plant Shumard Oak. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
29	611 University Dr.	4	12" Blackgum - Decline. Replace with Shumard Oak. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
30	925 Bellaire Ave.	2	10" Coffeetree - Possible, decline, deadwood. No replacement recommended. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
31	924 Bellaire Ave.	4	Plant Shumard Oak as replacement tree. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
32	511 E. Hamilton	7	8" Sugar Maple - Decline. No replacement recommended because not much room. The Tree Commission recommended replacing with a Sassafras.
33	500 E. Prospect		Request for new tree. - Not much room. The Tree Commission <u>did not</u> approve the request for a new tree.
34	510 E. Prospect	3	Possible planting. The Tree Commission <u>did not</u> agree with the possible planting in this area.
35	537 E. Prospect	1	24" Sugar Maple - Request due to sidewalk & driveway work. The Tree Commission <u>did not</u> approve this request.
36	517 Hetzel	5	24" Sugar Maple - Possible, decay at base & 10' up. Not much room for a replacement/gas, water & overhead electric. The Tree Commission
37	518 Locust Ln.	6	30" Walnut - Request, Already looked at. Request due to driveway installation.
38	600 Locust Ln	23	Possible replacement. Japanese Maple behind walk. Replacement with Zelkova. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation, but recommended replacing with two (2) Locust trees.
39	600 Locust Ln	20	Replacement using Zelkova. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
40	233 E. Prospect	4	Replace Black Loust with Purple Robe Black Locust. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.

41	134 E. Foster	7	32" Norway Maple - General decline, decay at branch union. Replace with Zelkova. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation, but recommended replacing with a Black Locust.
42	225 E. Foster	6	Plant a new Little Leaf Linden. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
43	321 Fraternity Row	7	28" Tulip-poplar - Decline, decay at base. No replacement recommended due to potential vandilism. The Tree Commission recommended sending a letter to the landlord to consider trying a Honey Locust.
44	205 Garner	9	10" Black Locust - Split. Try another Black Locust. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
45	221 High St	2	18" Crabapple - Decline, deadwood, recently topped for wire clearance. Replace with Crabapple. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
46	201 High St.	7	Replace dead Crabapple with Crabapple. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
47	126 High St.	3	Replace past removal with Hedgemaple. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
48	522 E. College	6	Replace storm damaged tree with Planetree. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
49	215 S. Atherton	22	Replace missing tree with Hybrid Maple. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
50	315 W. Beaver	4	14" Littleleaf Linden - Decline, Deadwood. Not much room for replacement. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
51	108 E. Beaver	4	4" Hybrid Maple -Decline. Replace with Honeylocust. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
52	120 E. Beaver	6	Replace dead Linden but move the location back. Replace with Zelkova. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
53	208 W. Foster	24	14" Ash. EAB. Replace with Redmond Linden. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
54	420 S. Burrowes	22	Replace dead tree with Sawtooth Oak. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
55	402 S. Burrowes	6	Replace dead Tulip-poplar with same. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
56	215 W. Fairmount	3	8" Zelkova - Decline. Replace with Littleleaf Linden. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
57	145 W. Prospect	6	8" Ash - EAB. No replacement recommended due to close spacing. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
58	717 Walnut	2	18" Sugar Maple - Deadwood & trunk decay. Replace with Tuli-poplar or Cucumber magnolia. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation and recommended replacing with a Cucumber Magnolia.
59	909 Walnut	4	24" Sugar Maple - Possible, Deadwood. Replace with Fruitless Coffeetree. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation.
60	915 Walnut	4	Plant new Tulip-poplar or Cucumber Magnolia. The Tree Commission agreed with the recommendation and recommended relacing with a Cucumber Magnolia.