

**Meeting Agenda**  
**State College Borough Tree Commission**  
**September 25, 2018**  
**Room 304 / 7:00 p.m.**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Public Hour**
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
- V. Public Hearing**
- VI. Discussion Items**
  - A. Develop 2019 Tree Commission Work Plan
- VII. Items of Information**
- VIII. Future Meeting Dates**
- 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  
William Elmendorf  
Bruce Rohrbach  
Elaine Schuckers  
Justin Wheeler

**III. Public Hour – Hearing of Citizens**

**IV. Approval of Minutes – September 11, 2018**

**V. Public Hearing**

The Tree Commission will hear from citizens concerning proposed tree removals and plantings for properties east of Atherton Street. (*Tree Removal and Tree Planting lists attached*)

**VI. Discussion Items**

A. Develop 2019 Tree Commission Work Plan

The Tree Commission Work Plan is annually reviewed to allow for the time and meeting schedule to work on items the Tree Commission has deemed important each year. A copy of the 2018 Work Plan is included with the agenda. The Commission is scheduled to present the 2019 Work Plan to Council later this year.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends the Commission discuss additions and changes for the 2019 Work Plan.

**VII. Items of Information**

**VIII. Future Meeting Dates**

Thursday, November 15, 2018 – Service Building

**IX. Reports of Interest**

A. Arborist Report

**X. Other Matters**

**XI. Adjournment**

**Meeting Minutes  
State College Borough Tree Commission  
September 11, 2018**

The Borough's Tree Commission (TRC) met on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 in Room 304 of the Municipal Building. Ms. Schuckers called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.

**Members Present**

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

**Members Absent**

Lynn Herman, Chairman; and William Elmendorf

**Also Present**

Alan Sam, Arborist/Environmental Coordinator; Deb Hoag, Public Works Director; and Stephenie Grove, 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 March 23, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as submitted. The vote was unanimously in favor.

On a motion by Mr. Rohrbach and seconded by Ms. Schuckers, the July 19, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as submitted. The vote was unanimously in favor.

Mr. Sam noted a discrepancy from the August 2, 2018 minutes. He stated the comments indicated the replacement of a Serviceberry in cell 4 be replaced with a Redbud and placed in cell 2 at 1343 Penfield Road. He noted a tree was currently plated in cell 2. After a brief discussion, the TRC recommended replacing both trees with Redbuds. On a motion by Mr. Rohrbach and seconded by Ms. Schuckers; the August 2, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as amended. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**Public Hearing**

Mr. Sam gave a brief overview of the drive-around procedure along with the decision factors that affect the tree removal and planting decisions.

Roger Rockower, 617 West Fairmount Avenue, stated he was distressed when he saw the ribbon around the tree on his property and questioned the replacement. Mr. Sam

stated the current Norway Maple would be replaced with a Tulip-poplar. Mr. Rockower then agreed with the removal and replacement recommendations.

Al Drobka, represented the owners of 110 South Barnard Street, stated the property owner was concerned the power lines in the area would interfere with the new plantings. Mr. Sam indicated the recommended flowering cherry trees do not get very tall and should do well.

Dave and Kathy Titley, 100 Hartswick Avenue, both residents stated they were happy about the removal of the declining tree and Mrs. Titley stated she would like the replacement tree to be an Autumn Blaze Maple. The TRC members agreed.

Chris Cramer, 743 McKee Street, questioned why the Sugar Maple should be replaced with a Sassafras rather than another maple? Mr. Wheeler stated the TRC chose a smaller tree for the area due to power line obstructions but also wanted a tree with color similar to the maples.

Matt Herndon, 113 West Lytle Avenue, questioned why the TRC chose a Redbud over their first choice of a Kousa Dogwood? Mr. Sam noted there are not many Kousa Redbuds in the area and they were trying to provide variety throughout the Borough.

Brian Buss, 433 East Mitchell Avenue, asked if a schedule on the tree removals would be published? Mr. Sam noted no set schedule will be available and the Tree Crew is given a master list in October with highest priority removals identified. Mr. Buss also inquired if prior notice was given when the tree removal would take place? Mr. Sam stated no notice was given unless requested by the property owner. Mr. Buss informed Mr. Sam he would like to be notified and asked if there was somewhere in the Borough he could see a Japanese Tree Lilac? Mr. Sam noted there were several growing on Holmes Street.

Mr. Sam stated he received an email from the property at 1148 Dorum Avenue. The resident was in favor of the recommended tree removal but requested a smaller flowering tree rather than the recommended Cucumber Magnolia due to the amount of shade they currently receive from the trees across the street. After a brief discussion, the TRC recommended to keep the Cucumber Magnolia or choose another large growing tree.

After all public comments were heard, Mr. Rohrbach motioned to approve the 2018-2019 Tree Removals & Plantings (Part 1) lists. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wheeler. The vote was unanimously in favor. The amended and approved lists will be made part of the meeting minutes.

### **Items of information**

There were no items of information to report.

## **Future Meeting Dates**

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. – Municipal Building  
Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. – Service Building

## **Reports of Interest**

### Arborist's Report

Mr. Sam reported on recent tree related activities. Highlights included:

- Conducted tree walks with different groups in the area.
  - A new and updated Tree Walk brochure had been designed.
- Tussey View Park playground near completion.
- Presented a webinar on composting for the State Forestry Extension.
- Discussed rain gardens with Chesapeake Bay Watershed Professionals group.
- Completed the Sustainability Plan.
  - The Borough was awarded Certified Gold Community status by Sustainable Pennsylvania.
- Reviewed several development plans.
- Reviewed work completed by the following contractors:
  - State College Borough Water Authority
  - Columbia Gas Company
- Tree crew continued to trim trees in the southwestern section of the Borough.
- Tree crew had worked on the following landscaping projects:
  - Municipal Building – Rain garden
  - Allen Street Lot including tree trimming
  - Sidney Friedman Park including tree trimming
- Seasonal tree crew employees completed their maximum working hours for the year.
- Worked on 2019 financial budget.
- Planning to prepare a new contract for pruning in the Greentree area.
- New AmeriCorps member, Jasmine Fields, starting on September 19.

## **Other Matters**

Mr. Sam gave a brief overview the Work Plan entailed, and stated Council had asked the TRC to have the 2019 Work Plan completed earlier for their review and approval. He distributed copies and asked the TRC to review the information and report back any changes or suggestions at the next meeting.

## **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Ms. Schuckers adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Stephenie Grove  
Staff Assistant

## Tree Removals – Part II

1700 S. Atherton (Creekside Plaza)	3" Red Oak
1385 Penfield (4)	14" Crabapple
1343 Penfield (4)	16" Serviceberry
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1269 Penfield (4)	16" Serviceberry
1221 Garner (4)	18" Oak
1132 Garner (7)	24" Red Maple
1102 Garner (7)	40" English Oak
301 Nimitz (5)	34" Sugar Maple
202 Ellen (3)	28" Red Maple
202 Ellen (6)	26" Red Maple
266 Nimitz (3)	24" Sugar Maple
305 Bradley (21)	20" Sugar Maple
1245 S. Atherton (on Old Boals)	22" Sugar Maple
1146 Centre Ln (6)	18" Sugar Maple
136 Logan Ave. (11)	14" River Birch
717 Walnut (11)	30" Red Maple
128 W. Prospect (5)	28" Ash
212 McCormick (2)	10" Sawtooth Oak
265 McCormick (3)	28" Sugar Maple
915 Garner (Behind Walk)	26" Sugar Maple
512 McCormick (6)	25" Sugar Maple
1001 University Dr. (4)	8" Tulip Poplar
444 Waring (2)	24" Sugar Maple
412 Waring (5)	28" Sugar Maple
413 Waring (4)	30" Sugar Maple
222 Waring (4)	16" Ash



352 E. Irvin (3)	15" Tulip-poplar
352 E. Irvin (6)	24" Tulip-poplar
110 E. Hamilton (2)	8" Horsechestnut
237 E. Hamilton (5)	32" Norway Maple
245 E. Hamilton (3)	26" Norway Maple
300 E. Hamilton (2 & 6)	12" & 10" Zelkova
500 E. Prospect (11)	34" Sugar Maple
454 E. Prospect (1 & 21)	22" & 24" Sugar Maples
630 E. Prospect (1)	16" Sugar Maple
611 E. Prospect (10)	10" Black Locust
529 E. Prospect (2)	19" Sugar Maple
419 Keller (4)	10" Ash
403 Keller (3)	16" Serviceberry
472 E. College (2)	14" Littleleaf Linden
436 E. College (6)	16" Littleleaf linden
340 E. College (6)	16" Littleleaf Linden
234 E. College (2)	16" Littleleaf Linden
216 E. College (4)	14" Norway Maple
212 E. College (6)	13" Norway Maple
240 S. Pugh (21)	9" Pagoda
336 Fraser (1)	24" Sugar Maple
245 S. Burrowes (7)	10" Black Locust
341/351 W. Nittany (3)	16" Ash
632 W. Foster (7)	32" Sycamore
707 W. Fairmount (9)	19" Honeylocust
817 S. Sparks (2)	22" Sugar Maple

## Tree Plantings – Part II

1700 S. Atherton (Creekside Plaza)	Red Oak
1117 S. Atherton (4)	Linden
Sandpiper Island	(Two) Zelkova
1602 University (5)	Tulip-poplar
1385 Penfield (4)	
1343 Penfield (2)	Eastern Redbud
1343 Penfield ( )	Eastern Redbud
1269 Penfield (4)	
486 Nimitz (6)	Eastern Redbud
1221 Garner (4)	Ginkgo
1132 Garner (7)	Ginkgo
1102 Garner (7)	Fruitless Sweetgum
Easterly Pkwy (3)	London Planetree
301 Nimitz (5)	American linden
210 Ellen (6)	Ginkgo
202 Ellen (3)	Zelkova
202 Ellen (6)	Zelkova
266 Nimitz (3)	Fruitless Coffeetree
273 Nimitz (3)	Linden
305 Bradley (21)	Bradley
1245 S. Atherton (on Old Boals)	Ginkgo
1146 Centre Ln (6)	Bur Oak
136 Logan Ave. (11)	London Planetree
717 Walnut (11)	Sassafras
128 W. Prospect (5)	Hybrid Maple
212 McCormick (2)	Catalpa
265 McCormick (3)	Zelkova

915 Garner (Behind Walk)	Tulip-poplar
512 McCormick (6)	Hackberry
1001 University Dr. (4)	London Planetree
444 Waring (2)	Fruitless Coffeetree
443 Waring (3)	Oak
412 Waring (5)	Cucumber Magnolia
413 Waring (4)	Zelkova
222 Waring (4)	katsura
352 E. Irvin (3)	
352 E. Irvin (6)	
529 E. Irvin (5)	Oak
110 E. Hamilton (2)	Hedge Maple
106 E. Hamilton (4)	Japanese Tree Lilac
237 E. Hamilton (5)	
245 E. Hamilton (3)	
255 E. Hamilton (4)	Oak
300 E. Hamilton (2)	Eastern Redbud
300 E. Hamilton (6)	Dogwood
500 E. Prospect (11)	Dogwood
454 E. Prospect (21)	Hardy Rubbertree
630 E. Prospect (1)	Cherry
611 E. Prospect (10)	Purple Robe Black Locust
529 E. Prospect (2)	
419 Keller (4)	London Planetree
411 Keller (4)	Ginkgo
403 Keller (3)	Tulip-poplar
472 E. College (2)	Ginkgo
436 E. College (6)	Hardy Rubbertree
340 E. College (6)	Zelkova

300 E. College (2)	?
252 E. College (7)	?
234 E. College (2)	London Planetree
216 E. College (4)	Ginkgo
212 E. College (6)	Ginkgo
206 E. College (5)	Hardy Rubbertree
124/126 S. Allen (6)	Hardy Rubbertree
108 E. Beaver (Planter)	Honeylocust
406 S. Allen (1)	Ginkgo
336 Fraser (2)	Sassafras
245 S. Burrowes (7)	Purple Robe Black Locust
411 S. Burrowes (22)	Hardy Rubbertree
334 W. Nittany (22)	Ruby Red Horsechestnut
341/351 W. Nittany (3)	Ruby Red Horsechestnut
312/326 W. Beaver (5)	Hybrid Maple
707 W. Fairmount (9)	
817 S. Sparks (2)	

2018 STATE COLLEGE TREE COMMISSION WORK PROGRAM

Recommended by Tree Commission 11/16/2017  
 Approved by Borough Council \_\_\_\_\_

Key: H=High, M=Medium, L=Low  
 I=Initiate Discussion, IP= In Progress, C=Complete, R/C=Review and  
 Comment, BC = Refer to Council

		Priority	Council Goals	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	Comments
1.	<b>Planting and Removal Recommendations.</b> Review, comment and make recommendations to the Public Works Director on proposed tree removals and plantings recommended by the Arborist.	H	1, 5			I	C & BC	
2.	<b>Work Collaboratively with Adjacent Tree Commissions.</b> Organize meeting for Borough, Harris Township, Ferguson Township, and Penn State Tree Commissions to discuss common threats to urban forest as well as coordinate projects.	H	2,3	C				
4.	<b>Identify Planting Opportunities in the Downtown Business District.</b> Continue to identify tree planting locations in the downtown including private property.	L	1, 5, 6	IP	→	→	→	Increase Downtown planting in conjunction with new development.
5.	<b>Incorporate New Street Tree Inventory Information Into Tree Program.</b> Develop articles for the CDT, Collegian and other outlets based on information obtained from the new street tree inventory.	H	2	C & BC				Updated Tree Plan completed in 2016.
6.	<b>Review Web Page.</b> Continue to review web page content, organization and accessibility.	M	2	R/C & C				
7.	<b>Complete new Tree Bike Ride Brochure.</b> Complete brochure that highlights various tree species and their management. Stormwater management will also be highlighted in the brochure.	H	5	IP	C			Draft completed in 2014. Awaiting illustrations.
8.	<b>Evaluate Insect &amp; Disease Threats to Borough's Urban Forest.</b> Following regular updates concerning insect and disease threats to the Borough's Urban Forest, the Tree Commission should offer management	H	1, 2, 5	IP	→	→	→	Management Plan for Emerald Ash Borer completed in 2015, develop information for on Emerald Ash Borer management for homeowners.

	strategies to mitigate problems or reduce the Borough's liability.							
9.	<p><b>Continue Discussion and Focused Inquiries on Local Effects of Climate Change (CC) on Urban Forest.</b>          Explore how to leverage CC to enhance forest ecosystem services; strategies to limit negative impacts and costs; short- and long-term implications for species selection / planting program (and revisions to Tree Plan).</p>	M	1, 2, 5	IP	R/C	C		Apply for grant to study impact on Borough Urban Forest. Evaluate potential changes to disease and insect threats to urban forest due to climate change.