



## FACTORYVILLE BOROUGH

Monthly Meeting Minutes – Monday, August 4th, 2025

The Factoryville Shade Tree Commission's monthly meeting was held on Monday, August 4th, 2025 at the Factoryville Library. The meeting was called to order at 11:05 am by Joe D'Antoni and seconded by Matt Vlassis.

### PRESENT

Joe D'Antoni  
Monika Buczek  
Matt Vlassis  
Gabe Sorak

### ABSENT

### ALSO ATTENDING

Linda Tucker

**OLD BUSINESS** – There was no Shade Tree meeting in July. Minutes from the June Shade Tree meeting were reviewed and approved by all members. The group reviewed the sweet spire planting by the FWCL at Christy Mathewson park and the early summer cleanup at CM park.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Monika mentioned that Edge of the Woods Nursery near Allentown had good prices for smaller shrubs and trees and recommended checking them out.

Monika confirmed that she would be attending grad school at the end of August and would be stepping down from her post on the Shade Tree Commission. Gabe Sorak said he would also step down from the Shade Tree Commission but stay on as a volunteer in order to make room for Linda to officially join the group. Joe said he would propose Linda's name to the Borough Council for consideration at their upcoming August meeting.

The group discussed the dead linden tree at Creekside park. All agreed to consider replacing the tree in the spring of 2026.

The group discussed the upcoming fall semester for class schedules, work schedules, meetings and cleanups. The group discussed potentially meeting with Jim Gesek at some point over the fall or early winter to review trees tagged and/or recommended for takedown.

The group discussed a potential fall cleanup for the Kemmerer Slope area as we did last fall to remove fallen branches, sticks and to address and tree health issues.

The group discussed compiling all volunteer hours, and forestry services provided to the community as a year-end financial equivalent compilation for review and presentation to the Borough Council.

The group discussed meeting up at Creekside Park at some point in the late fall to find the conifers the group planted earlier in the summer. All agreed to cleanup/maintain these areas to optimize new growth in the spring.

The group discussed fall cleanups at CM Park and Creekside Park.

The group reviewed the Annual Work Plan bullet points for the month of July and August. All agreed that work items are on track, according to schedule.

The group did not conduct a post-meeting cleanup.

**Monika motioned to adjourn the meeting, Matt seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned at 11:44 am.**

The next Shade Tree Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 6th 2025 at 11:00 am.