



FACTORYVILLE BOROUGH

Monthly Meeting Minutes – Monday, May 4th, 2026

The Factoryville Shade Tree Commission's monthly meeting was held on Monday, May 4th, 2026 at the Factoryville Library. The meeting was called to order at 11:01 am by Matt Vlassis and seconded by Joe D'Antoni.

PRESENT

Joe D'Antoni
Matt Vlassis
Gabe Sorak

ABSENT

ALSO ATTENDING

Linda Tucker

OLD BUSINESS – Minutes from the April 2026 Shade Tree meeting were reviewed and approved by all members.

Linda confirmed access to Shade Tree files and folders on Google Drive.

The group reviewed the eastern white pine that was re-planted for Arbor Day.

NEW BUSINESS – Linda updated the group that apple trees had been planted at Creekside Park by Lou Jaskikoff and Kelli Stewart along with some elementary students.

Joe updated the group on seedlings purchased at the LCCD. Most of the sugar maples and eastern white pines that were purchased have survived and are currently in water, but will be transferred to pots in June.

The group renewed concern that both sycamore trees planted in 2024 at Creekside Park seem to have died. All agreed to perform another walkthru once trees have fully leafed out to make a final determination. Joe mentioned that older plantings along the field area are due for inspection to evaluate health.

The group reviewed fall schedules and agreed to change meetings to Mondays at 9:30am for the remainder of the year, starting in September.

The group agreed to look at the Shade Tree website at the June meeting to decide what items could be easily updated for an initial round of revisions.

Joe mentioned some YouTube channels that he has been following and thought the group could benefit from. Most of the channels are young experts that regularly share knowledge about trees, shrubs and wildflowers including identification and pruning practices. Joe mentioned he would try to share a playlist with the group.

Joe mentioned he enjoyed the research deep dive on mountain laurel, and thought it might be nice to continue to spotlight shrub species throughout the year to learn more and develop a short list for preferred plantings.

The group confirmed Wednesday, May 6th @ 2pm for a cleanup at Kemmerer Slope or Civic Club Way. - Note this date was rained out and was re-scheduled for May 30th.

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

The group did not conduct a post-meeting walkthru or cleanup.

Joe motioned to adjourn, Gabe seconded; the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 am.

The next Shade Tree Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 1st, 2026 at 11am.

Respectfully submitted, .

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Joseph D'Antoni
Shade Tree Commision