



**Tree Board
AGENDA**

**Regular Meeting – May 16, 2024 – 6:30pm
Amherst Town Hall – Councilmembers Conference Room**

- I. Call to Order – E. Banks
- II. Roll Call – E. Graczyk:

Ellen Banks, Chair -
Dan Delano, Member -
Barbara Burke, Member -
Wendy Mackowski, Member –
Kyle Townsend, Member -
Jeff Szatkowski, Town of Amherst Landscape Architect -
Dominic Creamer, Town of Amherst Forester -
Shawn Lavin, Town Board Liaison -
Elizabeth Graczyk, Resource Coordinator -

III. Agenda Items

- a. Administrative Items
 - i. Vote/Discussion to approve minutes of March 14, 2024
- b. Current Business
 - i. CTMP Status – Board members, please present bulleted talking points for discussion. Discussion of board review and findings. Discussion of work plan development. Presentation of draft resolution by E. Graczyk and J. Szatkowski.–
 - ii. Community Education & Outreach – Continued discussion –
 - a. Partnership Opportunities – “Growing Together” 4-H tree planting partnership at WWP – E. Graczyk.
 - b. Speakers’ Bureau – B.Burke. Is this something the group would like to pursue?
 - c. Partnership with Buffalo State College Arboretum speaker series – W. Mackowski.
- c. Market at Bassett Park 2024 Seedling Giveaway Update – E. Graczyk
- d. Seedling Program with Stacie Kaufman and Forest Elementary – S. Lavin
- e. “Amherst Tree Seekers” Program update – E. Graczyk.

- f. Continued discussion on establishment of Tree Board social media – Establishing a social media page. W. Mackowski and K. Townsend
- g. Expanded Membership Discussion –
 - a. Status – Emailed draft press release of “FYI, Meet your board” for approval and submission
- h. Tree City USA Status, Arbor Day Proclamation – J. Szatkowski

IV. New Business

- a. 2024 Grant Initiatives – S. Lavin and E. Graczyk
 - 1. ACP Living Memorial –
 - 2. Amherst State Park – Master plan and fruit tree grant program.
Opportunity for Tree Board to work with State – E. Graczyk.
- b. Brush-off stations – Discussion on invasive species in parks and effect on trees – K. Townsend

- V. Public Expression (3 minutes per speaker)
- VI. Upcoming Meetings – September 19, 2024
- VII. Motion to adjourn.

