



Tree Board AGENDA

Regular Meeting – February 20, 2025, 6:00pm

Amherst Town Hall – Room across from Supervisors Office – Council Room 2(CR2)

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

Wendy Wilson, Chair –
Dan Delano, Member -
Barbara Burke, 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. Approval of minutes from January meeting

- IV. Agenda Items

- a. Administrative Items
- b. Current Business
 - i. CTMP Status/Resolution status—*J. Szatkowski.*
 - ii. Community Education & Outreach – Continued discussion –

- 1. Speakers' Bureau/Community outreach and education – B.Burke. Presentation on latest slides compiled.

Establishment of Tree Board – Mission Statement and Summary – Wendy Wilson

Activities and outreach – Wendy Wilson

Tree City USA and Community Forestry Management Plan – Jeff Szatkowski and Dan Delano

Loss of Tree Canopy – October Storm – Barbara Burke

Native Trees – Kyle Townsend

- a. Partnership with Buffalo State College Arboretum speaker series – W. Wilson. *Status update.*
- iii. 2025 Initiatives – Seedling giveaway

(30 White Birch, 30 Quaking Aspen, 30 Pin Oak, and 30 Tulip) – E. Graczyk sent communication to confirm councilmember continued investment in program.

Amherst Tree Seekers – See supplemental

Tree Board Social Media Page – Group members may initiate an informational page.

Additional Member Outreach - Members request to ask D. Creamer to invite Jeff from AJ Trees to attend next meeting.

Meet your treat board press release: Document is 90% complete.

- iv. Tree City USA Status– J. Szatkowski –
- v. 2025 Grant Initiatives – E. Graczyk
- vi. Amherst State Park – Master plan and fruit tree grant program. Opportunity for Tree Board to work with State –
- vii. Brush-off stations – Discussion on invasive species in parks and effect on trees – K. Townsend.
- viii. *Conversation about non-native Bradford Pear trees in the Town of Amherst.*
- ix. *Scheduling a park cleanup day at Walton Woods Park – public cleanup day, volunteer requirements, etc.*

c. New Business

- F. Public Expression (3 minutes per speaker)
- G. Upcoming Meetings – *March 20, 6pm*
- H. Motion to adjourn

