



Tree Board AGENDA

Regular Meeting – March 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
Town Board Liaison -
Elizabeth Graczyk, Resource Coordinator

- III. Approval of minutes from February meeting
- IV. Agenda Items
 - a. Administrative Items – W. Wilson. Update on Town Board Liaison
 - b. Current Business
 - i. CFMP Status/Resolution status – J. Szatkowski. Has the resolution acknowledging CFMP plan been submitted?
 - ii. Community Education & Outreach – Continued discussion –
- 1. Speakers' Bureau/Community outreach and education – B. Burke. E. Graczyk presents completed slides.
 - 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 – Completed and added to group presentation.*
 - Loss of Tree Canopy – October Storm – Barbara Burke*
 - Native Trees – Kyle Townsend - Completed and added to group presentation.*
 - Group members will continue to send slides for their assigned topics with a due date by March 20, 2025. Board will review compiled slides on that date and set the April 17th meeting as a partial work session to finalize the presentation slides and identify additional speaking/presentation opportunities.*

- a. Partnership with Buffalo State College Arboretum speaker series – W. Wilson.
 - iii. 2025 Initiatives – Seedling giveaway
(30 White Birch, 30 Quaking Aspen, 30 Pin Oak, and 30 Tulip) – E. Graczyk ordered 120 seedlings through ECSWD. Order pickup will be April 26, with a planned group potting on April 27 at Elizabeth’s house.
Amherst Tree Seekers – E. Graczyk – tabled until May 15, 2025.
Tree Board Social Media Page – Group members may initiate an informational-only page. E. Graczyk established page.
Additional Member Outreach - D. Creamer update on ex-officio member.
 - iv. Meet your treat board press release: Document is 90% complete. Waiting on one additional bio. Holding until new liaison is announced.
 - v. Tree City USA Status– J. Szatkowski – Approved for 2024.
 - vi. 2025 Grant Initiatives – E. Graczyk – tabled until May 15, 2025.
 - vii. Amherst State Park – Master plan and fruit tree grant program. Opportunity for Tree Board to work with State – tabled until May 15, 2025.
 - viii. Brush-off stations – Discussion on invasive species in parks and effect on trees – K. Townsend. Application accepted. Will pick up brush off station and set date to install – during park cleanup day?
 - ix. Scheduling a park cleanup day at Walton Woods Park – public cleanup day, volunteer requirements, etc. – E. Graczyk and K. Townsend. Group commitment to participating in “Love my Park” day with Town. Group will host a park cleanup (trash collection) at Walton Woods Park on May 3, 1-3pm. E. Graczyk will provide registration for volunteers as well as any necessary supplies for volunteers to collect trash.
 - x. 4-H Maple Tapping Demonstration – E. Graczyk and D. Creamer. Update.
 - xi. K. Townsend – K. Townsend. Support from the Highway Dept (forestry) and Parks with allowing Swiftwater to procure native tree seeds (w/ provenance - so not planted by humans) in areas with old growth trees. Walton Woods, Canal, and possibly a few others. Update.
 - xii. K. Townsend. Discussion on native pollinator garden w/ Dominic on N. Forest. Grant funding would be necessary to fund this project. Update.
- F. New Business: K. Townsend. Walton Woods - Another grant funded activity - Ecos Cooperative would love to have the chance to eradicate invasive species that are within the woods, and proliferating. The second prong would be reestablishing these zones with native places that already grow there. Update.
- G. Public Expression (3 minutes per speaker)
- H. Upcoming Meetings – *April 17, 2025*
- I. Motion to adjourn –

