



## Borough of West Chester Tree Commission Meeting Agenda – August 5, 2026 6:00pm

- A. Requests to add items not on the agenda
- B. Approval of the July 1, 2026 meeting minutes
- C. Street & park tree evaluations

### Trees with a Written Evaluation by the Borough Arborist

| Address                | Tree Species  | Description                                                                                                | Request Origination |
|------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 618 S Brandywine       | Pin Oak       | 2 mature pin oaks in decline. One is on S Brandywine St and the other is around the corner on W Nields St. | Tree Comm           |
| 405 W Nields           | Pin Oak       | 2 pin oaks in decline                                                                                      | Tree Comm           |
| 326 W Washington       | Red Maple     | PECO pruning                                                                                               | Tree Comm           |
| 327 S Adams            | Bradford Pear | Invasive. Decline in crown. Stem Decay.                                                                    | Tree Comm           |
| 327 W Union            | Pin Oak       | Large branch fell in storm. Destroyed a street light & car                                                 | Property Owner      |
| 502 S Franklin         | Cherry        | Cracked, leaning                                                                                           | Property Owner      |
| 400 Price              | Pin Oak       | Topped by PECO                                                                                             | Property Owner      |
| 117 S Franklin         | Linden        | Large branch broke off creating a hole in the trunk about 5 feet above grade.                              | Property Owner      |
| 402 College            | Siberian Elm  | Large tree with some dead wood. Large branch fell on neighbor's property                                   | Property Owner      |
| 202 S Walnut           | Cherry        | On Barnard St. Hit by a truck breaking off a large branch & much of the canopy                             | Property Owner      |
| 300 Sharpless          | Pin Oak       | Tree at the corner with dead wood. Decline in crown. Stem decay                                            | Property Owner      |
| Veterans Memorial Park | Cherry        | Heavily pruned cherry tree between Brick Alley and the playground                                          | Borough Staff       |
| Mosteller Park         | Pin Oak       | 723 Penn. Next to the horseshoe pits, picnic table & BBQ. Heavy decline in crown. Dead branches.           | Resident            |

### Trees without a Written Evaluation by the Borough Arborist – Photo Only

| Address         | Tree Species | Description                                                                                                  | Request Origination |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 307 W Biddle    |              | Dead tree                                                                                                    | Tree Comm           |
| 130 W Miner     |              | Tree further damaged in the storm on July 4 <sup>th</sup> . Owner has been given the ok to remove this tree. | Property Owner      |
| 101 E Ashbridge | Crab apple   | Dead crab apple tree. Owner has been given the ok to remove this tree                                        | Property Owner      |

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|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 300 W Biddle           | Bradford Pear | Bradford pear in severe decline                                                | Tree Comm     |
| 106 S Church           |               | Lots of dead branches                                                          | Tree Comm     |
| Veterans Memorial Park | Elm Cultivar  | Along brick walkway between the Park and Washington St. The trunk is splitting | Borough Staff |
| Veterans Memorial Park | Dwarf Tree    | May have Fire Blight                                                           | Borough Staff |
| 520 W Biddle           | Maple         | Dead tree                                                                      | Borough Staff |
| 603 N Walnut           | Sycamore      | Dead tree                                                                      | Borough Staff |
| 240 W Gay              | Red Bud       | On the side on New St – severe damage                                          | Borough Staff |
| 503 E Miner            | Maple         | Dead tree                                                                      | Borough Staff |
| 521 E Barnard          | Maple         | Dead tree                                                                      | Borough Staff |

D. Priority 1 Recommendations – Borough Arborist’s June 2026 Gay Street Tree Evaluation Report

| Address   | Tree Species | DBH | Description                                                              | Recommended Action                                                            | Replacement Tree |
|-----------|--------------|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 145 E Gay | Lacebark Elm | 14  | Storm damage, stem decay                                                 | Remove, grind stump, replace                                                  | Stellar dogwood  |
| 222 E Gay | Red Oak      | 33  | Dead branches, branch spread, poor street clearance, nutrient deficiency | Raise over roof 10 to 15 ft clearance, reduce 6 to 10 ft, mulch w/ fertilizer | N/A              |
| 239 E Gay | Pin Oak      | 29  | Tree in decline                                                          | Remove, grind stump, replace                                                  | Ginko            |

E. Fall 2026 Tree Planting

- Borough Arborist’s evaluation of planting locations & tree species by location
  - Property owner tree species requests that are not appropriate for the location
  - Condemned tree removals – stumps remaining below the surface
- Letters to property owners
- Warranty & Gator Bags
- Planting Date

F. Spring 2027 Tree Planting

- New tree wells & trees in the business district
- Replacement trees in Hoopes & Everhart Parks

G. Changes to the West Chester Borough Tree Canopy - Jess Ritins

H. Next Meeting: September 2, 2026 at 6pm in Room 232

I. Adjournment