



Borough of West Chester Tree Commission Meeting Agenda – September 2, 2026 6:00pm

- A. Requests to add items not on the agenda
- B. Approval of the August 5, 2026 meeting minutes
- C. Discussion - Tree Assessment, Risk Evaluation & Condemnation Protocol
- D. Street & park tree evaluations

Trees with a Written Evaluation by the Borough Arborist

Address	Tree Species	Description	Request Origination
402 College	Siberian Elm	Tabled at the August Tree Commission meeting. Large tree with some dead wood. Large branch fell on neighbor's property	Property Owner
119 E Market	Linden	Tree was healthy until recently. Extensive decline, stunted twig elongation, large sunken area on stem	Tree Comm
300 Sharpless	Pin Oak	Another pin oak at this address condemned in August. Dead branches, absence of visible buttress roots, unbalanced crown, crown decline, storm damage	Property Owner
7 E Virginia	American Sycamore	On the side on N High St. Multiple large basal wounds from vehicle collisions, heartwood decay at the base, slight lean over the road.	Property Owner
Veterans Memorial Park	Okame Cherry	Between the playground and Brick Alley. Multiple cankers along the main stem, stem decay, heartwood decay, absence of visible buttress roots, unbalanced crown decline	Borough Staff
618 S Wayne	3 Pin Oaks	Dead branches extending over the roadway and adjacent property	Tree Comm
618 S Wayne	Pin Oak	On the side on W Nields; extensive crown decline, dead branches, bacterial leaf scorch suspected	Tree Comm
401 N Franklin	Okame Cherry	On the side on Biddle. Near the driveway. Large dead branch over street, dead branches in crown, sidewalk lifting	Property Owner

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

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21 Price		Tree in severe decline. 50% of branches are dead. Damage to the tree trunk	Tree Comm

- E. Priority 1 Recommendations – Borough Arborist's June 2026 Gay Street Tree Evaluation Report

Address	Tree Species	DBH	Description	Recommended Action
239 E Gay	Pin Oak	29	Tree in decline. Tabled at the August Tree Commission meeting	Remove, grind stump, replace

F. Fall 2026 Tree Planting

- Letters sent to property owners
- Tree species provided to All Seasons
- Planting date

G. Spring 2027 Tree Planting

- Replacement trees for removed condemned trees – 45 trees so far as of August 2026
- New tree wells & trees in the business district – Market St & Verizon Building – 20 trees
- Trees to be planted in Hoopes & Everhart Parks

H. Trees of Significance in the Tree Trail

I. Asks of Public Works

- Pick up & remove dead branches in the parks
- Remove dead trees planted 1 to 2 years ago
- Remove stakes and straps from trees planted more than 1 year ago

J. Next Meeting: October 7, 2026 at 6pm in Room 232

K. Adjournment