

**Town of Canandaigua  
Tree Team Meeting, Town Hall  
13 June 2023**

**Present:** Dennis Brewer, Dan Marion, Andy Corino, Edith Davey

**Agenda: Survey of the trees on the Town Hall property:**

**Field West of Town Hall**

The open field presents ample space for the establishment of large trees: e.g. oak, beech.

Red maple trees in general are yellowing of leaves due to chlorosis. Stress from moving to accommodate pipe placement is evident on one specimen. Norway spruces are tolerating some tip gall and Eastern gall. Invasive Tartarian honeysuckle is present in one spruce.

**South Border of Town Hall**

Red maple has evidence (exit holes) of borers, which attack stressed trees. Crabapple trees are exhibiting small infestations of scab. Proper use of mulch (away from the trunk) was noted and commended.

Leaf hoppers were present but not problematic on honey locust trees. The pussy willow at the Pat VanDyne memorial is leaning but appropriate to the species. Pine trees are satisfactory. Bradford pear trees with potential (imminent) splits could be cabled to assist stability.

**East Border of Town Hall**

A red maple shows evidence of buck rub that is healing and has a girdling root that could be removed. The single surviving horse chestnut has now been stabilized and bloomed this spring. These Bradford pears are not splitting.

**Trees on the east side of lower parking area**

**Trees near entrance:**

These large trees have severely restricted root areas and are therefore stressed. A dying branch overhanging the entrance area should be removed for safety concerns.

Japanese lilac was treated (by scribing, aka., back scraping) by Dan Marion to remove an invasive fungus, application of orange shellac or a fungicide was recommended.

**West Front of Town Hall**

The large trees rubbing against the building roof should be addressed by cutting offending branches off at the trunk instead of just removing the upper limbs and these will grow back quickly and spread more widely. Use of a telescoping pole saw would simplify and expedite the process.

**West Parking Lot Berm:**

A frost-stressed tree (now bare of leaves) will probably recover if given time and care

**Conclusions and Recommendations:**

The condition of the grounds is greatly improved since the last survey. The staff is doing all the right things. Immediate purchase of a 21' telescoping pole saw would be a wise investment.

Dennis Brewer distributed copies of two news items of interest regarding trees in the City of Canandaigua and a notice from NYS DEC regarding Beech tree leaf disease.

Supervisor Simpson and Dennis Brewer will meet next week to discuss the Heritage Tree project. A letter of support was written by the Environmental Conservation Board.

**Further Action Dates:**

**June 24** – 9 am meet at Outhouse Park: Tour Hunn, Leonard Price, Academy, Lucas and Remington Cemeteries.

**July 11** – Next meeting – Onanda Park, 6 pm

Concerns have been raised about the health of a sycamore (London Plane?) tree near the gate house at Onanda Park. Anthracnose (fungus) impacts these trees every year, but rarely kills the large branches or tree. Injecting fungicide yearly is costly and must be maintained to make a significant improvement.