

A special Council meeting was called to order on June 28, 2023 at 6:00PM at the Adamstown Borough Grove Pavilion Area by Council President Randy Good. The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss several specific trees in the grove area as well as in the Lion’s Club Park.

Council Present: R. Good, A. McManimen, d. Alumbaugh, M. Bansner, R. Weaver

Visitors present: John Schmoyer

Others present: Mike Palm, Sam Toffy

NEW BUSINESS:

Dying Trees in the Grove – R. Good addressed those present regarding several large marked white oak trees in the western end of the grove that appear to have a lot of dying or dead branches. Four of those trees are in the grove and the fifth is just inside the tree line to the north. As recommended by several tree experts, the trees in question should come down as opposed to continuing trimming the dead branches. It was determined that there are also two large trees near the playground area that should also be removed due to having several dead branches and create a safety concern. A recommendation was made to also remove a large dead oak tree at the Lion’s Club Park. M. Palm received three quotes, with the lowest coming from Premier Tree Service. For a cost of \$8,650 they will cut down and remove the marked dead trees in the grove as well as the dead tree in the Lion’s Club Park, remove all logs and grind all stumps except for the one in the tree line at the grove. The stump grindings will remain, which the Borough Public Works Department will clean up and use. New trees will be planted to replace those being removed. There was concern over a recently planted tree up near the pavilion which had several large branches removed without the permission of Council by someone in preparation of Community Days setup. There will be further discussion regarding this issue.

Motioned by A. McManimen, seconded by d. Alumbaugh and unanimously carried to authorize Premier Tree Service to move forward with cutting down the trees as discussed, removing the logs and grinding the stumps at a cost of \$8,650.

Adjournment:

Motioned by d. Alumbaugh, seconded by A. McManimen and unanimously carried to adjourn.
The meeting ended at 6:19PM.

Attested: _____
Sam Toffy, Adamstown Borough Administrative Secretary