

Town of Bath Tree Board Minutes

March 19, 2025

Members present: The Tree Board convened at 5:00PM. Members present were Kate Lehman, Rebecca MacLeod, Dave O'Connell, and Andy Swaim.

Review of the Minutes: The minutes of the February 19, 2025, meeting were reviewed and approved by common consent.

Persons Before the Tree Board: Craig Deane attended the meeting and took part in the discussion.

2025 DCG: Although future funding is now in jeopardy, work continues. Craig Deane, Kate Lehman and the Town public works crew planted four Linden trees on East Fairfax Street. Deane and Lehman fertilized street trees planted in the past four years.

Greenway Cemetery Trees: Nothing to report/

Hotel/Motel Application: The application for tax year 2025/26 has been submitted.

Tree City Application: The Arbor Day foundation has informed us that our application has been approved, making the Town of Bath a Tree City USA for 18 consecutive years.

2025 Arbor Day: The town will celebrate AD on Saturday, April 26, at 4:00PM. We will plant a red maple given to us by the Division of Forestry. A planting site needs to be determined before the AD proclamation is issued by the Town Council at its 4/15 meeting.

Memorial Trees: Berkeley Springs Pride will plant two memorial trees to honor Gale and Gareth Foulds. They are in agreement with the Town's Memorial Tree Policy.

*Approved by Consent
Andy Swaim
4-16-25*

2026 DCG: Although there has been no word on the availability of DCGs, we will have a grant ready to submit. The grant will be based on year-two of the five-year plan.

Day of Mulching: We will mulch town trees on a Tuesday in April or May at a date yet to be determined. There was discussion on using wood chips instead of purchasing prime mulch.

Treasurer's Report: During the past month, the Tree Board account had one credit: \$19.84 in interest. There was one debit: \$84.49 for fertilizer spikes. The current balance is \$7894.13.

The next meeting of the Tree Board will be on April 16, 2025, at 5:00PM.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30PM.

Minutes submitted by Tree Board member Andy Swaim.