

Town of Bath Tree Board Minutes

May 21, 2025

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

Review of the Minutes: The minutes of the April 16, 2025, meeting were reviewed and approved by common consent.

Welcome to New Member: The Board welcomed new member, Craig Deane, who assumes the position of Tree Steward.

2024 DCG: The WV Division of Forestry has received funds that will allow them to reimburse us for expenditures made under the 2024 DCG. So far, \$2089.00 has been spent, with \$3828.00 remaining. The town will contribute \$700.00 for work done in Greenway Cemetery. The Board approved a \$4000.00 estimate to Truax Tree Service for a day's work done in the cemetery.

Day of Mulching: The Day of Mulching and trimming was held on May 20. The Public Works crew aided in debris removal.

Arbor Day Celebration: Arbor Day was celebrated on Saturday, April 26, at 4:00PM. The proclamation recently passed by the Town Council was read and a tree will be planted at in Berkeley Springs State Park to replace a large sugar maple that was recently felled by strong winds.

2025 DCG: Funding is not guaranteed at this point. Year 2 of the Five-Year Plan will inform our decisions on what work to do in the coming year.

Hotel/Motel Award: The Tree Board has been notified that it will receive \$6000.00 in funding for fiscal year 2025-26. The Board thanks Lance Strait for submitting the application.

*Approved by Common Consent
6-18-25
Andy Swaim*

Town of Bath Comprehensive Plan: As part of the town's 10-year comprehensive plan, the Board has been asked to submit a worksheet by June 30. Tree Board member Lehman has agreed to complete the worksheet.

Treasurer's Report: During the past month, the Tree Board account had two credits and no debits. The credits include a \$210.00 refund from Bartlett Tree Experts and \$26.48 in interest. The current balance is \$10,152.48.

The next meeting of the Tree Board will be on June 18, 2025, at 5:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Minutes submitted by Tree Board member Andy Swaim.