

2020 Report

2020 Shade Tree goals / status:

1. Continue with the Main Street tree replacement project starting with a “model” tree well

Completed (Mystique Moon and DMKC & G)

2. Apply for grants to assist us with tree replacements

Provided input to Gateway Engineering for the Streetscape grant

3. Become more visible to the community and educate them on the benefits of trees

Due to COVID, this was somewhat curtailed, however, we continue to increase our social media presence and participated in Witches Day out by dressing as “trees” and handing out informational postcards.

4. Continue with “Walks and Talks”

We did several late summer work days around Butler Brew works showing the problem with landscape fabric and over mulching which was causing the trees to be stressed as the ground below the fabric was unable to absorb water.

5. Coordinate with Parks Department on innovative ways to increase the attractiveness and usability of our community parks and assisting them in grant applications

We have maintained communication with the Parks Department and advised on several tree plantings and removals at their request. Our volunteer arborist and several members are working closely with Rod Huey and communicate with any volunteer tree services who work in the parks.

6. Complete our Tree Inventory and prepare a report for the city with our findings and suggestions

Our tree inventory was completed and uploaded to the Pennsylvania Tree Map and we continue to update it to reflect any removals or storm damage. This will be an ongoing project.

7. Continue to look for ways to support our residents in maintaining a healthy tree population

We continue to work within the permit process we developed in 2019. We have also established some relationships with tree services so that they understand that a permit process is in place within the city.

8. Continue to establish relationships with other groups and support them in their efforts to make Butler City a greener environment.

This is also an ongoing project. Mel Anthony from Davy Tree lets us know when they are scheduled to do tree work in the city.

Addendum:

Two completed projects that were not on our original list have also been completed:

1. Several of our members worked in partnership with the Library to establish a selection of 30+ children's "tree themed" books and an activity box that can be checked out. These will all be dedicated and labeled in memory of Julie Dandoy. A tree mural – with Julie's initials has been painted to call attention to the memorial books.
2. Section 220 of the city ordinance having to do with Shade Trees has been updated to reflect new arboreal practices and clarified some of the specifics of the permit process and other items. These changes are reflected in the permitting process and in other online materials.