

Village of North Baltimore
Tree Commission Meeting 11/10/25

November 10, 2025

4:15 PM Meeting

Agenda

I. Tree-of-Heaven

Administrator Bender stated that the Public Works Department has been asked to remove the tree-of-heaven tree species from any Village-owned property. They are an invasive species and attract the spotted lantern fly, further damaging agriculture. He intends to publish a post on the Village Facebook page to make residents aware of this issue.

Mr. Long was aware that at least one property in North Baltimore had tree-of-heaven growing.

II. Updated Tree Pricing

The commission reviewed updated prices from North Branch Nursery for trees offered through the Adopt-A-Tree and Replace-A-Tree programs. Two trees, the Rising Sun Redbud and the Three-Flowered-Maple are currently unavailable.

Mayor Patterson requested that new pricing manuals be obtained from North Branch Nursery to better inform the commission on new prices and to select new trees for both programs.

The commission discussed warranties for trees purchased from North Branch Nursery and the associated cost. Mayor Patterson requested that Mr. Davis investigate this further.

The commission discussed a previous idea to add a willow tree to the eligible tree list for the Adopt-A-Tree program. Mayor Patterson requested that Mr. Davis and Mr. Long obtain a quote from North Branch Nursey.

III. Adopt-A-Tree

Carol Bateson's outstanding Adopt-A-Tree order was presented.

The commission declined a proposal by Mr. Mike Julian to purchase 10 oak trees to be placed at 2012 Tiger Drive. Mayor Patterson's concern was the space that this would require and the potential encroachment on public right-of-way. He

requested that Mr. Davis ask Mr. Julian if he would be amenable to placing a smaller species of tree on the property.

The commission discussed eliminating the \$200.00 non-resident fee for the Adopt-A-Tree program to the standard rate. Mayor Patterson stated that new trees being planted within the Village would benefit residents.

IV. Replace-A-Tree

Myers Tree Service tagged several trees slated for removal in boulevard areas and Old Maplewood Cemetery. These included trees located at 601 East Maple Street, 208 East Street, and several along East Broadway Street.

Mr. Mark Senecal reached out to Administrator Bender about a stump that remains on his property following a tree removal. Myers Tree Service will grind the stump.

Four trees located at 210, 224, and 403 East Broadway Street were identified by Administrator Bender and Mr. Long as being potentially damaging to Village sidewalks. Mayor Patterson requested that it be confirmed that these trees were within Village right-of-way.

Cody Cotterman's (123 Central Ave) outstanding replace-a-tree form for an ivory tree lilac was presented to the commission. Mr. Davis will follow up with him.

V. Memorial Grove Improvements

Several improvements for memorial grove were discussed including the construction of parking spaces, mulch around tree bases, and memorial tree plaques/signs/rocks.