

**Town of Canandaigua Tree Committee
Meeting/ Property Survey Notes
20 June 2022**

Present: Dennis Brewer, Eric Obenauer, Dan Marion, Edith Davey

Group assembled at Outhouse Park at 5:30 pm.

Dennis Brewer will attend the Cemetery Committee meeting July 5.

Next regularly scheduled Tree Committee meeting will be July 11 at Blue Heron Park.

Tilton Cemetery, New Michigan Road

Three black locust trees (marked with ribbons as in 2021 report) should be removed.

A large double stemmed ash tree in the northeast corner of the site is dying as evidenced by “blonding” -loss of bark caused by woodpeckers attacking ash borer larvae- and should be removed.

Cooley Cemetery, Cooley Road

Wind damage from a recent storm included a few broken branches and, a large branch stripped from the top of a tree that had been recommended for removal in 2021. Little remains of the upper part of the tree.

Peanut Line, North Bloomfield Road to Cooley Road

Poison ivy, wild grapevine and other brush is encroaching on the pathway and vines are entangling the trees. The poison ivy, in particular, is a bio-hazard for walkers as it is rampant on the ground and on trees in close proximity to the path.

The steps leading from the path to the culvert/stream are in need of wood preservative treatment.

A large, sweet cherry tree has tipped across the path and will need to be removed.

Many large, older hardwood and sweet cherry trees were noted as being particularly strong and beautiful.

Sand Hill Cemetery, Emerson Road

As noted in prior reports, ailanthus trees (Tree of Heaven) are present in large and increasing numbers in the western boundary (not accurately determined by survey) of the cemetery. Given the ailanthus attraction and life-cycle agency for spotted lantern flies, considerable urgency is attached to this recommendation for elimination.

A tree in the center of the cemetery seemed to have been improved by recent care.

Poison ivy was noted in the western border area, wild grapevine was seen in several border areas.

An ancient French lilac bush is becoming overwhelmed by buckthorn growing at its base. Removal of the buckthorn is recommended.

Hunn Cemetery

A shag bark hickory tree in the southern area of the cemetery has internal decay and should be removed. A white oak nearby has a sparse canopy and shows signs of disease.

Removal of a large tree near the road intersection was beneficial. The addition of split rail fencing on the perimeter has added to the pleasing appearance of this site.

General Comments:

All the properties had been recently mowed and were inviting to the eye.

Several large trees in many locations are showing signs of “lawn mower blight” - i.e. bark damage around the base caused by abrasion from lawn mowers hitting the tree or weed whackers being used too enthusiastically. Breaking the outer bark opens the tree’s internal structures to fungus and disease-causing tree death. Care should be taken to avoid damage to the tree bark on trunks and roots.

Poison ivy near or in walkable areas should be removed either by cutting or chemical means. It is particularly damaging to persons sensitive to the toxins - and damaging to trees if allowed to grow unchecked as it can distort the growth of young shoots and will eventually cover tree canopies.