

Town of Canandaigua Tree Team

July 12, 2024

Tour of Richard Outhouse Park, Leonard Pierce Park, McJannett and West Lake Schoolhouse

Richard P. Outhouse Park

The park was beautifully manicured, leaving a border of tall vegetation near the Sucker Brook lagoon has greatly reduced goose droppings on the path.

It was noted that a two-inch layer of mulch was needed around many of the trees and that some water bags were empty, and that the presence of the bags would hinder infiltration of natural rain.

New plantings are mostly prospering. Removal of steel posts and unneeded support wires will be beneficial. One new crabapple tree is showing signs of wet soils damage and may need to be relocated. Sprouts at the base of some trees should be removed. A recently planted weeping beech could benefit from more support.

It was noted that a group of three (same-species) trees is showing Japanese Beetle damage – skeletonized leafage has browned. Pheromone traps for Japanese beetles are inexpensive, effective, and available locally.

Leonard R. Pierce Park

Removal of dead trees in and on the perimeter of the park is highly recommended. A dead oak along the stream was particularly identified as were three dead ash trees near the soccer field.

Significant numbers of limbs and other large debris from dead trees has accumulated in the bottom of the stream and will clog the culvert during a runoff event. This should be removed as soon as possible due to the frequent occurrence of heavy rains.

Creating a trail through the evergreens on the south bank of the stream would be an enhancement to the park.

McJannett

Dead trees have been removed and heavy sprouts from the stumps may replace the parent. The newly planted trees are doing well.

West Lake Schoolhouse Park

New plantings are thriving. A dogwood tree was noted as needing water in the seepage bag. Inspection of a tree near a marker identifying the School revealed sprouts obstructing the marker and that the adjacent tree is healthy and not covering the sign. It is recommended that the sprouts (maple and buckthorn) be removed and treated to prevent regrowth.

Dennis Brewer said that Wayne Thompson has offered the Tree Committee two seedlings grown from acorns gathered at the VA from the large heritage oak tree on the grounds. Interim care and placement of these seedlings will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting:
20 August 2024
Town Hall
6 pm**

Agenda: Heritage Tree project, fall public workshop

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Visitations on June 15, 2024

Hunn Cemetery: Hedgerow should be cleaned out. A white oak shows signs of disease and should be removed. A hickory with internal decay should be watched. There are three beautiful oak trees with one being outside the fence. They could be 300 to 400 years old.

Academy Cemetery: Cemetery looks nice. The Norway spruce is a beautiful tree and appears to be in good health. It could be 250 years old. The maples outside the fence should be watched as they are starting to show age related problems.

Onanda Lakeside: The branches over Crouch Hall should be removed.

The cable on the Norway Maple near the playground has broken and should be replaced.

The white birch (see photo) near the lake appears to be infested by the Bronze Birch Borer and should be treated or taken down.

Concern about the spruce trees (see photo) in the center of the berm dividing the parking lot. One is dead and others are dying.



