

Town of Canandaigua Tree Team

Tour of Town Properties

June 1, 2024

Present: Dennis Brewer, Dan Marion, Edith Davey, Andy Corino

Tilton Cemetery New Michigan Road:

Designated dead trees should be removed. A dead ash tree at the north-east corner will eventually fall on the fence. A flowering locust tree has branches in close proximity to an electric wire.

Some stones at Tilton need to be re-erected.

Cooley Cemetery Cooley Road:

Large, healthy basswood trees are notable at this location. Buckthorn (invasive) is encroaching on the east border and should be cut back, and the stumps treated with appropriate herbicide. The central tree near the road is moribund but branches are mostly gone and do not threaten the gravestones. Removal of the tree would be advisable.

Peanut Line Trail (from North Bloomfield Road entrance):

Heavy poison ivy infestation continues to be prevalent along the margins of the old rail bed. Herbicide treatment would be beneficial as mowing temporarily removes the foliage but encourages root spreading. The replaced step and rail at the viewing staircase have been an enhancement.

Sandhill Cemetery Emerson Road:

Ailanthus trees (tree of heaven) are problematic at this location. Cutting sprouts encroaching on the lawn area will only spur their growth. As ailanthus trees are the preferred habitat (host tree) of invasive spotted-lantern flies and present a danger to vineyards and other plantings, there is concern about the large number of trees and sprouts at this location. Any cuttings should be immediately treated with herbicide to prevent spreading of these trees.

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The flag at this location is quite tattered and should be replaced. The addition of a new flagpole where the flag can be raised and lowered is suggested.

Other:

All lawn areas are in excellent condition, mowing has been maintained in a timely manner and care of trees and shrubs ha been done with care.

Discussion of the Heritage Tree Program ensued. It was agreed that plaques identifying such trees would be appropriate. It was noted that more than one tree could be nominated and added to the list annually.

The committee will continue touring and assessing the status of trees on Town properties.

Next meeting: Richard P. Outhouse Memorial Park June 15 at 9:00.