

## December 2025 Tree Bank Update

### **Tree Replacement Fee**

The replacement tree fee contributed to the Tree Bank was increased from \$374 to \$450 at the October 15, 2025 BOS meeting (last increase was July 17, 2024, \$347 to \$374).

### **Expanded Use Tree Bank Funds**

At the October 15, 2025 BOS meeting, the tree bank ordinance was modified to allow use of tree bank funds for both trees and shrubs. Ordinance 178-85.H(4)(d)[1] now states: *“A replacement tree capital account (“tree bank”) will be established by the Township where fees in lieu of on-site improvement shall be deposited. These funds shall be used for the purpose of purchasing and planting native trees and native shrubs at approved locations in the Township.”*

### **Projects Subject to Contributing to the Tree Bank Ordinance**

The contribution to the tree bank is due at the time of development agreement execution with the Township. This normally occurs just before construction begins.

### **Projects Owing Tree Bank**

1566 LCC –Final Plan approved by BOS Oct. 4, 2023. 921 replacement trees required. 167 will be planted on-site, maybe more. 754 tree payment (\$261,638) to the Tree Bank currently required in escrow per Aug. 4, 2023 BOS meeting. Additional trees planted on-site will reduce payment to \$150,000 [approx. 432 trees per J.M. 12/6/23 email]. Not under construction. December 2025 submitted plan for lot line change.

1273 Lindenhurst Subdivision - Preliminary/Final Plan approved by BOS April 19, 2023. 69 replacement trees; 39 will be planted on-site, 30 trees into Tree Bank. [per J.M. 12/6/23 email, developer owes \$10,328, ~27 trees]. Not under construction.

Cleary/Timko-Noyes 2-Lot Subdivision – Prem/Final approval July 17, 2024 BOS meeting. J. Majewski email – 82 trees owed, \$30,668.

MeGinniss Property 0 Reading Ave. – At October 21, 2025 Zoning Board meeting, an appeal to increase woodlands removal from 35.4% to 49.1% was approved subject to contribution to the Tree Bank for the removed trees associated with this project. Owes at least \$15,300 (20 from trees removed at septic location and 14 trees from trees removed in front of septic system).

### **Projects Contributing to Tree Bank in 2025**

None

**Significant Tree Bank Money Spent in 2024-25**

1. November 19, 2024 payments to M&S Erosion for \$72,739 for planting trees 165 with water bags at Makefield Highlands Golf Course, Macclesfield Park, Regency open space, Stony Hill/Bluestone open space, Derbyshire Road bridge, and the curb island at Brookfield Road.
2. December 31, 2024 - last of payments to Tom Comitta Asso. for 2024 Tree Planting Plan of \$3,223 (total = \$17,893)
3. April 16, 2025 BOS meeting approval a spring 2025 contract for \$20,750 (Ram-T Corp.) for planting 49 trees; some along Edgewood Rd across from the Township Building, some around the basketball courts/parking lot at Memorial Park, and other locations.
4. December 18, 2025 BOS meeting approved a payment for the fall 2025 planting of \$61,850 (Parkyn Landscape and Hardscape LLC) for 158 trees at 13 locations in the Township.

**Tree Bank Revenues and Expenditures in 2017 thru 2021 Budgets**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Developer Contribution	\$12,500	\$9,375	\$10,055	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenditures	\$93,335	\$25,862	\$4,969	\$4,756	\$26,460
End of Year Balance	\$119,551	\$103,270	\$108,671	\$104,306	\$78,246

**Tree Bank Revenues and Expenditures in 2022 thru 2025 Budgets**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Developer Contribution	\$0.00	\$294,458 <sup>a</sup>	\$102,162 <sup>b</sup>	\$0.00
Interest	\$454	\$1,488	\$24,072	\$14,176
Expenditures	\$8,407	\$96,082	\$73,378	\$101,172
End of Year Balance	<b>\$70,292</b>	<b>\$268,806</b>	<b>\$321,662</b>	<b>\$234,667</b>

(a) Tree bank account received \$283,315 from Prickett Preserve and \$11,143 from Matrix/Regency.

(b) Tree bank account received \$78,166 from 1101 Big Oak and \$18,326 from The Point.

## **Pre-2024 Tree Plantings**

Memorial Park/Caiola Fields/Fred Allen Fields, Fall 2023 - \$65,909. Approx. 162 trees

Patterson Farm/Mirror Lake Road, April 2023 – \$14,670, 30 sugar maples

Kids Kingdom, Oct. 2022 - \$4,940 24 trees, 5 maples, 7 yellowwoods, 12 fringe trees

Revere Road Tennis Courts, Oct. 2021 – \$9,835, 31 trees

Twig Lane Tot Lot, Oct. 2021 - \$3,215, (30 trees, 3 ft/6 ft tall)

Patterson Farm Volunteer, Fall 2021 - \$8,561 (108 trees and shrubs)

Patterson Farm Volunteer, Nov 2020 - \$3,400 (59 trees, 195 shrubs)

Caiola Fields Volunteer, Oct. 2019 - 73 trees, 50 shrubs

2017 and 2018 tree bank expenditures principally at Memorial Park arboretum