55 dead trees removed, 16 planted

Pottstown’s shade tree ordinance requires property owners to maintain adjacent street trees and remove them when they die.

But this rarely happens.

By the end of 2019, more than 50 dead trees blighted the streets of Pottstown.

In January, Pottstown Council authorized Trees Inc. to remove most of these dead trees and replace some of them under the direction of the borough manager.

Trees Inc. is a non-profit founded in 1984 to plant and maintain street trees in the borough.

Some trees were trimmed (with two removals) on the 1000 block of High Street by Phil Ullman Tree Service. Others were removed at various locations by Davey Tree Expert Co.

Last month, 13 trees were replaced on High Street.

In addition, three new trees — the first new shade trees to be planted in nearly 15 years — were planted on King Street as part of a subdivision plan approved by Council for Lords and Ladies Salon and Spa.