**Montrose Tree Review**

**Summary:**

Several spots open in tree berm hold potential for new material. Also present are a few trees that are well past their prime and might be candidates for removal. Two new Lindens planted very recently. Also a few opportunities for the school to investigate, particularly to replace missing/removed specimens.

**Key:**

* Green star (2) – recent plantings
* Yellow circle (12) – possible additions
* Red X (4) –possible removals
* Blue circle (3) – possible additions (on school property)

**Remington (East) side:**

Two new Linden trees have recently been planted. These are a great street tree with a lovely shape, as well as other ornamental features. The specimen marked for removal on the drawing is a Pear tree, likely a Callery. Besides its invasive status/messiness, the tree is misshapen and has at least one dead branch. This is also a prime location and would benefit from a specimen with seasonal ornamental features. ***Suggestion: Wildfire Black Gums*** flanking the entrance to the playground, following removal of the Pyrus. These are a smaller Black Gum, and would reference the existing specimen on the SW corner of the lot. Two spots are open that face the parking area, ***Suggestion: Lindens or Smoketrees,*** if variety is desired.In the final open spot, some variety in fall color against the background of Tuliptrees, Sugar Maples, a Pin Oak and Honeylocusts (so much yellow!) is warranted. ***Suggestion: Smoketree.***

**Mound (South) side:**

Of note, the power line runs above the tree berm on this side of the lot. Existing specimens (Eastern Redbuds, a Crabtree and a Black Gum) are for the most part very mature and have been significantly pruned. The Redbuds are past their prime, while the remaining Crabapple is doing well. The Black Gum appears mostly well, if a bit unequally pruned due to power line placement. That said, I see at least four spots that seem ready for additions, especially if some variety in leaf shape and fall color could be introduced against the back drop of Sugar Maples. ***Suggestion: Smoketrees or Flowering Dogwoods.***

**Montrose (West) side:**

Moving from South to North, there is a vacant spot at the corner with high visibility. ***Suggestion: Forest Pansy Redbud.*** Continuing past a Golden Raintree and two London Plane Trees, shade from the hot afternoon sun could be provided to the playground and sitting areas on this side. ***Suggestion: Thornless Honeylocust*** (these would also reference the two Honeylocusts in the berm on the SE side of the lot). Between these two spots, a damaged and lopsided Hedge Maple should possibly be removed. The lovely Tartar Maple was a surprise and looks striking as a fall specimen in particular. The final open location sits between the crosswalk and a lovely Crabapple. ***Suggestion: Forest Pansy Redbud.***