

Park and Tree Meeting Minutes 12/19/23 (draft)

Present:

Caitlin Parwana

Liz Kormos

Liz Snell

Judy Esposito

Ben Baskin

Meeting called to order 7:07pm

Old business:

November meeting minutes

Motion Judy, Caitlin second

-Add note saying benches is ok but not near anyone's house

Board term limits

Brief discussion on board member term limits

Law says the board needs "at least 5 members"

Picnic table ordered for Wiswall

Jenn ordered table, unsure on delivery timeline

Tree maintenance on Lowe

-Kris and Caitlin wrapped two and mulched all 4

-Everyone agrees that it is best to alert residents before doing tree maintenance on street trees in front of their property even though they are on Village property

Meeting locations

-If at the library someone needs to show up and get the key early for the library and then put it back in the book drop off at the end of the meeting after locking up.

-The CCE building is brighter and nicer so maybe try to book that when we can and then use library as back up?

other updates/news

-Colonial Hills benches will have to wait until spring due to ground freezing and concern from residents in regards to location. Will plan future meeting with residents in order to choose a location

Any news on grant?

DEC plans to announce grants in 2024

Wiswall Park designs, feedback received, changes to propose

-Reached out to head of BSBPA, Dana recommended several people she wanted me to get feedback from, business owners, several of which host events in the park, and some others instrumental in the Farmers Market.

-Some concerns/suggestions:

- Most common preference for traditional design
- Not too many trees along Walnut St due to food truck access, vendor parking, clear path to break down and set up.
- Reduce number of picnic tables in the back for same reason- food truck space
- Reduced number of benches and plants around perimeter of park along Front and Low St as vendors line up along the sidewalk for pedestrian access
- If the Spring remains on the corner, take up less space so vendors can fit beside it on either side
- Smaller kid play area
- No need for stage near the deli wall- music under pavilion

Historic markers by tree – Judy

Possible raised space under pavilion for musicians?

do we need a flag pole? Memorial park across the street

--other flag options because of tree for holiday

One Front St business owner who is also involved in the Farmers Market said “I must say, relocating the fountain is a brilliant idea as it will create a welcoming atmosphere for the public”

-So over all feedback from BSBPA same as what Park and Tree board voiced concern about in previous meeting, with addition of concern for trees along walnut.

Plan moving forward- PT board will make suggested changes, share with Village Board, attain their feedback, make additional changes as needed, and share with Jeff to make new design map.

Other Design Elements:

Walkway- Brick to match buildings

Lampposts to match those on Front St

Benches to match most in the Village, example Old Iron Spring Park

Pavillion shape hexagonal, no railings, flush with ground

Outdoor dining table design-undecided

Next meeting:

January 16

Motion to adjourn meeting by Judy, Second Liz Snell