

## **Village of Ballston Spa Park and Tree Board Meeting Minutes**

Virtual Meeting      Tuesday 2/15//22

Meeting called to order at 7:00

In attendance: Liz Kormos, Ed Hersch, Michael Tower, Stacy Simmons, Judy Esposito. Jeff Gawry, Bridget Rockwell and Ben Baskin joined the meeting.

Motion to approve January minutes: Ed, second, Judy. None opposed.

Public comment: No public comment.

- Old business: Tree grant-work continues on this project with Liz and Kris being point people working with Davey Tree. The grant should be wrapped up by April.
- Mike asked for tree species recommendations to guide tree planting in Kelley Park. This list will be added to the guidelines for memorial tree planting.
- Mike asks if someone is willing to serve as secretary. No takers at this meeting.
- Liz, Judy and Bridget shared the continued concerns re Wiswall Park and its need for revitalization. We reviewed that we have discussed this many times over the past year. The consensus has been that the Village needs a specific approved plan, a project lead or manager, further public input, and funding for such a project. These things are not in place, and therefore we have not had a majority voting to support the expenditure of funds for weed removal.
- Bridget and others suggested forming a group of people interested in helping make positive changes in Wiswall. Bridget volunteered to lead a group called 'Friends of Wiswall.' Members of the Park and Tree board were encouraged to reach out to their respective groups and contacts to try to find interested people.

### **New Business:**

- As all members are not present we could not vote on budget requests tonight. Members will be asked to vote on items via email in the coming weeks.
- 1) A new sign at the entrance to Kelley park
- 2) Funds for tree removal for the upcoming year. We know we have many trees needing removal. We need to start somewhere. It will take some time to prioritize which trees should come down first, and then get estimates. We are voting on a dollar amount that will cover perhaps 3-5 trees.
- 3) one new basketball hoop for installation in the old skate park at Kelley Park.
- 4) A company to manually remove bishops weed at Wiswall and cover with a barrier and mulch, to allow for further plans at the park to develop, with ongoing active management of this weed.
- 5) Funds for the House and Garden club for rehab of the Old Iron Spring Garden

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Tuesday 3/15/22, 7pm.