

Ballston Spa Park and Tree June Meeting Minutes 6.21.2022

Meeting called to order 7pm

In attendance: Ray Otten, Judy Esposito, Caitlin Parwana, Mike Tower, Ben Baskin

Absent: Kris Williams, Ed Hersh

Old Business:

Brief discussion about the continued lack of a designated Park and Tree email due to new security.

Security and cameras in Kelley Park. Someone at DPW is working on it. Mike will follow up with Scott Kerns.

New Business:

Memorial tree guidelines/rules. Reviewing and discussing memorial tree policy. The steps one must take should they want to do so, park, location in park, possibilities of memorial plaque, etc. Encouraging the option for memorial street trees as well. Will continue to revise and review policy.

New Kelley Park sign to be installed this Summer-similar to the new pool sign.

Discussion on progress with tree grant-need Liz and Kris to provide more details.

New Kelley Park playground. Ray explains that the ground has been prepped for the building of the new structure. On the 16th of July volunteers will build the structure and spread wood chips. There will eventually be a memorial plaque and a memorial ceremony.

Ben inquires about Park smoking policy. Ray mentioned he has heard there will be a new state law prohibiting any smoking in all parks likely to pass and take effect. Ben will do more research on the subject.

Discussion of Park and Tree social media. Caitlin updates that the village encourages the board to have a social media presence on Facebook. Group agrees to no comments on posts and an automated response to messages. Caitlin will follow up with Jenn about specifics for automated response message.

Discussion on Wiswall Park. Judy announcing that the first Wiswall Park meeting will take place on Tuesday June 28 at 5:30 at the library to discuss needed improvements and possible options to make such improvements. Looking into possible grants and plans to present to the village board.

Motion to adjourn by Ray, Mike seconds, 8:15pm