

## Park and Tree Board Meeting August 15<sup>th</sup> 2023

Open at 7:09

In attendance:

- Judy Esposito
- Eve Kenyon
- Kristopher Williams
- Caitlin Parwana
- Trustee Baskin
- Trustee Kormos

Motion to set the Park and Tree Board Membership at 5 with voting rights to meet an effective quorum. A six member can serve as an alternate in the absence of core members. (Kristopher Williams)

- Second Eve Kenyon

Motion to accept Minutes from 7/18/2023 Kristopher Williams

- Second Eve Kenyon / all in favor

Tree Maintenance Grant for the NYS DEC Urban Submitted

- Discussion on process and recommendations to continue with future grants

Wiswall Park

Contract to move forward with park improvements approved by board and Study A.

- **ACTION ITEM** Needs to be signed as soon as possible to move forward.

Judy discussed tables for Wiswall Park and would like to request funds to purchase two table. Looking for recommendations of products. (Studio A)

Request

- DPW to dig up Bishops Weed and Mulch
- Request funds to be released from plants and mulch

Motion to request money (budgeted) to purchase a two table(s) with connected benches for park improvement.

Second Judy / all in favor

Open discussion on the Bird House Obelisk and Structures in Park present in proposed contract

- What is the goal and purpose of project
- How is this beneficial to the Village residence and economy
- Request for detail plans on structure has been made no response
- Space requirements may infringe on other groups using the park
  - Village Board should give BSBPA a voice to comment on contract.
- Permission from business owners should have copies sent to the Village.
- Scale of project to big limit the number of bird houses in the village /
- Concerns of product and sales of houses after. What happens to the product after the event is it left to fowl the environment as pollution.
- Size of obelisk and secondary project to large with lettering.

- Size of structure too large and may cause safety concerns to the public. Stamped architectural design.
- If there is storm could the object poses a risk to park patrons.
- Length of time the structure is present in the park maybe too long. Park cannot have a semi-permanent structure.
- Picket fence maybe hazardous to small children
- Reduce the scale of project / lacks details about other structure and size.
- Other areas like iron spring garden may not support the room and uses of the park.
- DPW should not be spending time and funds to supplement the project.
- Would like input from other ASK members.
- Where would thousands of bird houses go. Less houses only 500.
- ASK should be required to remove and clean up bird houses and pay for it.
- Security of structures from vandalisms and if someone gets hurt.
- Concerns about work to be done to infrastructure of park, structures need to be removed immediately at ASKs expense.
- No artificial flowers, pollinator friendly and ecologically responsible practices.
- Exclusion to take photos in Village property where birdhouses impacts need to document street tree work and other infrastructure documentation and needs.

#### Recommendations:

1. Smaller structures, less structures, less bird houses and ASK install and removes structures at a time line determined by Village.
2. Consider rejecting the project based on scope of work is too large and increases liability on the Village and inappropriate use of tax payer dollars. Contract should be reviewed by the Village Attorney.
3. Lack of an actual proposal and itemized contract.
4. Is the contract allowable and enforceable?
5. Submit copy of the grant and budget for bird house.

Next meeting September 19<sup>th</sup>