

## Village of Ballston Spa Bark and Tree Board

Meeting Started at 7:03 pm

- Trustee Kormos [trusteekormos@villageofballstonspa.org](mailto:trusteekormos@villageofballstonspa.org)
- Trustee Baskin [trusteebaskin@villageofballstonspa.org](mailto:trusteebaskin@villageofballstonspa.org)
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- Kristopher Williams [kbw44@cornell.edu](mailto:kbw44@cornell.edu)
- Mayor Frank Rossi
- Jeffery Anthony of Studio A Landscape Architecture and Engineering

Minutes from October 2023

Judy Motion Eve Second All In favor to be accepted.

### Victory Circle Bench Discussion

- Limited number of people expressed views on benches.
- Loitering Issues, parking Issues, people did not want benches in the area
- The area is not designated as a natural forever wild area (as some residents believe, and some real estate listings claim)

### Public Comment:

- Paul Miller expressed concerns for reasons not to include benches. Stated the area is great the way it is and used by kids. Noted the park is used and should remain in a natural state. Has concerns that the benches would invite unwanted behaviors in the neighborhood. Was upset that a bench may be placed in his front yard and attract problems. Says he would be ok with benches in space, just not in front of his house. Alternately recommended putting benches in Kelley Park. Paul would like more public comment on actions in Victory Circle. Stated that he did not want a playground installed in Victory Circle. Wanted trees removed that were in decay in Victory Circle.

Studio A presented concept plans.

- Two ideas presented
- Open discussion occurred on merits of the features between the two plans.

### Park rules explored

- Charge was given to check rules to be posted in Village Parks
- Discussed proper tree plantings.
- Notify Village residence that permission to remove trees need to be approved by the Village

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm Motion Kristopher Second By Judy All In Favor.