

Park and Tree Board Meeting Feb 2/20/2024 7:00 pm
CCE of Saratoga County Office
50 West High Street Ballston Spa NY 12020

Quorum Present

Judy Esposito jsespo@earthlink.net
Kristopher Williams kbw44@cornell.edu
Caitlin Parwana caitlinparwana@gmail.com
Janelle Coffey janellecoffey@gmail.com
Eve Kenyon evekenyon@aol.com
Ben Baskins trusteebaskin@villageofballstonspa.org

January Minutes

- Motion and Second Eve and Kristopher Approved All In Favor

Wiswal Park Plan

- Color design shared with revisions based on limited groups and business feedback.
- Discussed proposed changes.
- Other recommendations considered for the future.
- Move to the board for presentation.
 - Get final comments and move forward.

Park Rules

- Spelled out for approved for use
 - Requirements for vendors i.e board approval and license depending on request
 - Application would have merit.
 - Tree memorial approval
 - Pet management , Glass, Smoking Vaping etc.
 - Recommended listing of types of events and method(s) for approval
 - Breadth of rules and listing for enforcement
 - Summary of park rules, hours, and other basic information
- Discussion on standard permit and application for park use
 - In village parks and lands
 - Permit/Form for events
 - Clerk can approve specific and listed items

Motion to have the Village make standard permit application (Eve)
Second (Janelle)
Approved (All in favor)

Next Village Meeting will Be Discussed.

Arbor Day Discussion- Celebration to be Saturday April 27.

Motion Eve, Second Judy All IN Favor

- Tree Planting and Maintenance Arbor Day Kelly Park Planting 10-11:30,
- Street Tree Walk 1 -2 Front Street

Budget Discussion for park and tree

- Adopt a plot and watering street plantings, will also budget to water Wiswall gardens.
 - Conduct basic maintenance?
- Tree removal, maintenance, and replanting budget
 - Caitlin will work on a budget, will meet with Mayor and Treasurer
 - Garden Club asked \$1000 for annuals, mulch and compost.
 - Request \$1000 for annuals, mulch and compost for Wiswall Park
 - Other infrastructure costs and materials; Needed for Parks
 - Reserve moneys for Community Forestry Grant Match
 - 25k on Tree Removal and Plantings 2024
 - Tree, Stump Removal, Replanting, Maintenance
 - Hazard trees with a balance of replanting
 - Prioritize locations for removal and replanting
 - Break down an estimated budget.
 - Review street tree inventory for specific locations and recommendations.

Urban and Community Forest News and Programs

- Workshop
- School Program

Meeting adjourned at 8:50

Motion Eve

Second Judy

Next Meeting March 19th

Minutes by Kristopher Williams