

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

Tuesday 5/17//22 Kelley Park

Meeting called to order at 7:00

In attendance: Liz Kormos, Mike Tower, Ed Hersh, Ray Otten, Judy Esposito, Caitlin Parwana  
Absent: Kris Williams, Ben Baskin

Motion to approve May minutes: Ed, second, Ray. None opposed.

Public comment: Lisa Spiedel expressed concern regarding the scope of this board. The scope and purpose was reviewed including our work on both trees and village parks. Mike states he can be more timely with getting agendas and minutes to the Village for posting.

Old business:

Discussion on the need for a new secretary. Ray nominates Caitlin.

New business:

Discussion on lack of access to Park and Tree email due to new security. Members are encouraged to contact the Village to get in touch with their cyber security contractor.

Discussion about park security/cameras. Concern due to recent bathroom vandalism and the new playground that will be going in near the pavilion at Kelly Park. Liz and Ben to check on status of new cameras possibly being installed.

Discussion about the new playground coming to Kelly Park. Delivery date estimated for May 23. Ray will then work on organizing volunteers and planning a day(s) to do the install; coordinating with DPW.

Ray brings up the possibility of the fire department hosting an outdoor Halloween event at the park in Colonial Hills. This board thinks it is a good idea-if we can help in any way we will.

Discussion on the possibility of the Park and Tree Board utilizing social media to make park and tree information more accessible to the public. Caitlin encouraged to speak with Jen at the village office about this; including how the village runs its SM accounts, who approves postings, and whether or not any advisory boards have their own accounts.

Discussion about Wiswall Park and invasive bishop's weed problem. Judy discusses a survey she has brought around to many local businesses and residents in the village. People largely support the possibility of improving Wiswall Park. Judy voices willingness to form a group of volunteers to help with weed control and beautification (Friends of Wiswall Park).

Motion to adjourn by Ray, second by Ed. Next meeting June 21, 2022 at Kelley Park Pavillion.