

# Park and Tree Minutes 6/20/23

In attendance: Liz Snell, Eve Kenyon, Judy Esposito, Caitlin Parwana, Kristopher Williams, Liz Kormos, Shawn Raymond

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

May minutes approved, motion made by Kris, second by Judy, no discussion.

Old business:

Caitlin updates group on the ordering of two benches for Victory Circle Park, paid for with funds from previous year's budget. Delivery will take up to two months, will be delivered to and installed by DPW. DPW is aware, specific location for benches is not yet decided.

Newer Business:

Judy updates on Friends of Wiswall. Caitlin and Judy have been watering the newly planted annuals. There is still more mulch to spread and a few more flowers to plant which will be done soon. Some discussion on the remaining bishops weed in the park.

Discussion about asking DPW to please remove the invasive and poisonous Chinese yews and the bishops weed surrounding it from Wiswall Park. Everyone in agreement. -Kris makes motion, Caitlin seconds, no further discussion.

Discussion of picnic table designs to possibly get for Wiswall Park. Talk of different materials, shapes, ADA accessible, etc. No decisions made, more research will be done.

Judy tells the group that she heard FoK found old mill stones while working in their Axe Factory location, they might make a nice spring design, with the history of the Village rooting in its natural springs and industry.

Discussion about hiring Studio A Landscape Architecture and Engineering to help with future plans for Kelley Park. Price is low and better than any other estimates from competitors. This included some discussion of the sewage pipe location under the park and how that information could affect the possible location of the Sans Souci Spring. -motion to approve the scope of work proposed from Studio A made by Judy, second by Eve, no further discussion.

Motion to share some of Friends of Wiswall's most recent park maps/ideas with Labella, in order to show them that the ideal plans for the park do not interfere with the current location of the sewer. Motion made by Kris, Judy seconds, no further discussion.

Kris talks to everyone about the possibility of an upcoming grant and steps that would need to be taken to qualify and apply:

- Create a subcommittee (identify each person's responsibilities)
- Will need to view sites and decide what area in the village to focus on (a street or two) for necessary tree removal and planting
- Create a scope of work (look into other small towns that have participated in the grant previously)
- Draft 5-year maintenance plan, with arborist involved.
- 3 RFQ's required.
- Need 95% survival rate of new trees.

Basic take away is it will be a lot of work, and people need to be motivated and ready to meet deadlines, and that it is a big time commitment. Will be discussed further at next meeting.

Some discussion about chain link fence in Kelley Park around the old skate park. Concern that it isn't aesthetically pleasing and is an ideal growing environment for invasive weeds. It's decided to talk to DPW about the fence to find out if they have any plans for the fence in the near future.

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