

## Village of Ballston Spa Parks and Tree Board Meeting Minutes 11-17-2020

Meeting held via Zoom

Meeting called to order 7:12pm

In attendance- Judy Esposito, Liz Kormos, Kris Williams, Mike Tower, Stacy Simmons, Linda Fay, Christine Burghart

Excused- Ray Otten

Approval of minutes for 10-20-2020 meeting- Motion made by Liz, second by Kris, all approved

Public Comment- Linda Fay and Christine Burghart (Ballston Spa House and Garden Club members) attended this meeting to learn about this board as well as to discuss the tree trimming and tree and shrub removal at the public library.

Old Business-

Wiswall Park- The concept design for renovating the park was presented by Pete Benfey at the 11/9 village board meeting. Liz said it was well received. There were questions about accessibility for disabled persons, specifics about plantings etc. The Wiswall Park committee will put together a brief description of what is to happen to the park (to be reviewed by this board) to be sent out with the concept plan for feedback from the community. The BSBPA will send out to its membership. Judy discussed Rotary's timeline of a 2022 celebration and the new location of the spring within the park will be central to this.

Kelly Park- Mike shared the Friends of the Kaydeross held a cleanup day. Stacy will contact Jeff regarding the feasibility of moving the dog park and the fencing. Once this is decided, there will need to be a presentation to the village board for approval.

Mike asked if the village has a way for us to reach out to the community en masse? Liz said the Facebook page and website are currently used as well as letters included with the water bills. After more board discussion on this subject, it was decided that Liz will approach the mayor regarding setting up an email for this board to receive feedback from the public from postings on facebook. Judy has offered to help monitor the email if access can be granted to board members.

McMaster Tree- Liz shared that she asked Dave LaFountain to inform the property owner, but there has been news.

#### New Business-

Tree City- Liz shared we have received the two Tree City signs. Not sure where they will be put up for public display yet. Liz also shared more could be purchased for posting in more locations. Kris suggested one could be put at the Cornell Cooperative Extension building possibly.

Mike asked about putting info on facebook to explain about being a Tree City as well as on the village website. Liz will look into this.

Complete Streets Workshop- Liz, Judy, Kris and Stacy will be attending this series of 3 workshops keeping in mind it will help us make better decisions regarding street trees (planting and removals).

Library Trees and Shrubs- Liz shared there was a meeting with the Library Board Committee regarding the tree that need trimming and removal and shrubs that need removal at the library. The trees and shrubs slated for removal are along the north side of the library and parking lot. Stacy agreed with the removals. Kris will go look (tomorrow) potentially with Christine Burghart and Linda Fay to give a second opinion.

Next board meeting will be December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7pm using Zoom.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Judy, second by Kris. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by Stacy Simmons