

Village of Ballston Spa Parks and Tree Board Meeting Minutes 12-15-2020

Meeting held via Zoom

Meeting called to order 7:03pm

In attendance- Ray Otten, Liz Kormos, Kris Williams, Stacy Simmons

Excused- Judy Esposito

Approval of minutes for 11-17-2020 meeting- Motion made by Ray, second by Kris, all approved

No Public Comment for this meeting

Old Business-

We discussed the trees at 34 and 36 Columbia Ave- Kris visited the locations and indicated the tree at 36 Columbia should be removed/ cut down, but the tree at 34 Columbia would be ok with some trimming.

Liz received a question regarding a tree at 73 Bath Street that is near power lines. The suggestion was to have the homeowner call National Grid, but there was also discussion that maybe the Village DPW could handle this?

There is no news yet regarding the tree on Remsen Street/ McMaster Street.

We went over the recommendations from Kris for the Library trees. These recommendations have been sent to the mayor.

We went over the following on our To-Do list

- Does the village have a budget line for the removal/maintenance/planting of trees?
- Moving forward, how we go about assessing trees and making recommendations
- How to address the "tree-trimming" by the power company to maintain their lines in the village
- Memorial Trees
- Tree City- need to put up signs and get a press release together
- Tree Grant
- Tree List (Ray requested we provide a list of local nurseries that will have these trees)

New Business-

We have an email for our board to be reached at for tree questions, etc.

- ParkandTree@villageofballstonspa.org

Complete Streets Workshops- Liz, Ray, Kris and Stacy attended these workshops as there will be street trees addressed as the village begins work.

Next board meeting will be January 19, 2021 at 7pm using Zoom.

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

Enjoy the holidays!

Respectfully submitted by Stacy Simmons