



## Swissvale Shade Tree Advisory Committee June 14, 2017

Members Present: Heather Lyle, Gib Miller, Kurt Summersgill, Terry Ward  
Others Present: Jared Manzo, NMRWA Urban Forestry Manager  
The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Future tree plantings:**

Gib received an email from Celine Colbert from DCNR to alert him to new money available in 2018. All committee members are to look over the email and be prepared to work on an application at the August meeting. Jared recommended ensuring that funds will be available for non-city of Pittsburgh plantings.

New applications for trees have been received. The committee discussed investigating the sites for use on the next tree application.

### **Tree Inventory**

Jared reported that the street tree inventory has started in Wilksburg and should be done the week of June 19<sup>th</sup>. Jared may have the analysis by the beginning of July. This company was selected because they will be giving NMRWA the program used for the inventory, making it possible for information to be added and deleted. NMRWA is still working on how this information will be shared with the boroughs. Jared did say that recommended work information will be available to the SSTAC in time to make recommendations before the Swissvale Budget meetings.

Tree surveys will be available at the SEDCO/MVI table at Community Days on June 24<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup>. Jared would like to identify problems associated with trees so that perhaps programs could be developed to aid in solving said problems. These could include such things as: sidewalk issues, management and care of trees, vacant property trees, etc. It would also be interesting to collect stories about exceptional trees-notable stories about specific trees in the borough, special trees in the borough, etc. The tree inventory can help the committee find some of this information such as the oldest tree.

The committee will create an inventory of *public/park trees* in Swissvale and the surrounding areas. The data collected will include: tree species, diameters (using Biltmore sticks to measure), tree condition, etc. Sites to be inventoried include:

Getz Memorial Field

Swisshelm Park Playground

Dickson School

Old Newmeyer School

Woodland Hills Intermediate School

Park Avenue

To inventory the SSTAC will be using **Tree Plotter Lite**

*Enter password*

*Get tree-touch once* (don't touch again, it adds another tree)

*Go to table*

*Menu with tools*

More shows up on the screen of a computer than on a phone or ipad-Jared will provide maps and spreadsheets for our use

Committee members will meet at Memorial Field on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. to have Jared show us the basics of how to use Tree Plotter Lite. Doing it on a week day was preferred. Jared has indicated that Mondays and Wednesdays are not ideal for him but he may be able to do it early.

SSTAC members' names have been updated online and meeting minutes have been posted.

Meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.; the next meeting is July 12th.

Minutes submitted by Terry Ward