



Swissvale Shade Tree Advisory Committee March 13, 2019 meeting minutes

Spring Event

April 13th will be this year's Arbor Day event. The Swissvale Shade Tree Advisory Committee is planning a pruning event to celebrate Arbor Day. Jan Raether from NMRWA will direct volunteers and the SSTAC in pruning the trees planted on Schoyer and Harrison Streets, and around Dickson School. This event will be publicized on Facebook, the Swissvale website, and Neighborhood North. Volunteers will be asked to bring handsaws, pruning shears, and/or clippers if they have them. NMRWA has some tools for use. Deneen Swartzwelder, the mayor of Swissvale, will be asked to read the Arbor Day Proclamation.

Status of Applications

There still is no word as of yet from Tree Vitalize on the status of the tree application.

Borough Projects and SSTAC involvement

There is a planning session for the parklet on Church and Braddock on March 28th at 7:00 p.m. at Goodfellas Tavern. The Swissvale Rotary, Nied's Funeral Home, and Goodfellas are sponsors. SEDCO and the SSTAC also want to be involved in this project.

Other Business

Greg Bachy has been contacted about getting more Tree City USA signs to be posted around the borough. Currently signs are at the Parkway exit on Braddock and on Edgewood Avenue. The SSTAC would like to see additional Tree City USA signs at other arteries into Swissvale, preferably directly on the Welcome to Swissvale signs.

The Borough of Swissvale requires notice of a week or two for mulch for the SSTAC mulching event to take place in June.

NMRWA's Citizen Tree Project is wrapping up. Trees can still be purchased for \$10 per tree.