



Swissvale Shade Tree Advisory Committee

July 10, 2019 meeting minutes

Members Present: Gib Miller, Mike Takacs, Terry Ward

Visitor: Daniel Nemanic/ Summer Lee's office

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

- **Additional tree requests for the TreeVitalize application. What's currently approved, denied, and pending.**

Currently there are five sites approved. Jan is in touch with the Woodland Hills School District about additional sites by Dickson School property. Kurt and Jan are looking into four tree requests that were never received by the committee. Greg Bachy signed off on additional locations. Gib is scanning site locations to add to the application. Included are 1-2 trees at Memorial Field, 3-5 trees at Park Place. There are also some areas on Schoyer and Aurelius by Dickson School that are good locations for additional trees.

- **Next SSTAC events**

The spring pruning event was already held this year. Pruning can occur at the same time as planting and/or mulching.

1. Tree planting will take place if the committee is able to get enough sites and there is approval by TreeVitalize.
2. Mulching and weeding in Regent Square is needed. The SSTAC is reaching out to the Regent Square Association as well as the tree committees for Edgewood, Wilkinsburg, and the City of Pittsburgh to collaborate on this venture.
3. The bus way will be assessed to see if the tree pits are in need of attention at this time. Jan will be looking into soil sampling in these tree pits.

- **Tree Ordinance**

In reviewing the Tree Ordinance, the Borough of Swissvale is within its rights to remove any street tree deemed to be a nuisance in any way. In consideration of homeowners, the committee will write a few sentences requesting notification of removal to be posted and mailed to the home owner 14 days prior to removal.

- **Other Business**

Daniel Nemanic attended the SSTAC meeting to gain information about the committee to share with Summer Lee's office.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.