



Swissvale Shade Tree Advisory Committee

December 11, 2019 meeting minutes

Members present: Gib Miller, Julia Ann Mountain, Kurt Summerhill, Terry Ward

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

- **Tree City USA application**

The Tree City USA application for 2020 has been completed and submitted. Greg Bachy has agreed to get additional signs to be put up at the entrances to the Borough of Swissvale.

- **Tree tags**

Julia Ann will create a template for the tree tags to be put on recently planted trees. The tags will contain the tree name, Latin name, and planting date. Included on the tag will be the names of the groups responsible for planting the trees- Swissvale Shade Tree Advisory Committee, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, and Nine Mile Run Watershed Association. The tags will be reviewed and discussed at the January SSTAC meeting.

- **Plans for a tree pruning in early spring 2020**

In February or March, the SSTAC would like to collaborate with the Edgewood committee to fill the empty tree pits in Regent Square. The committee will look into purchasing some trees.

Early spring has been selected to prune trees on Church and Braddock as needed, and clean up the busway tree pits. A date has yet to be decided. Advertising for this event is important. One goal of the committee is to educate the public and this would be a great event to do so. Advertising will be discussed at the January meeting.

- **What's left of the viable tree requests**

At the January meeting, the committee will look at the tree list and identify viable tree requests. In some cases the committee may be able to plant little trees. This may also be an opportunity to try dry root planting.

- **Ideas for a public education event in 2020 (e.g., tree walk, public meeting)**

The committee is committed to educating the public and informing them of the importance of trees. For this year's Arbor Day Event, the committee is planning a Scavenger Hunt in Memorial Park. Plans for the hunt will be made at the January meeting. Advertising through social media sites and at neighborhood schools was discussed.

- **Other business**

The website is up and looks fantastic. The public needs to know about this site. Ideas will be discussed at the January meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25