



## Swissvale Shade Tree Advisory Committee

### April 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Gib Miller, Julie Ann Mountain, Kurt Summerhill, Mike Takacs, Terry  
**Other Attendees:** Jan Raether

The Zoom meeting began at 7:00 p.m. Thanks to Jan for setting up the Zoom meeting.

#### **March 28<sup>th</sup> Event/ Arbor Day Event**

Due to the pandemic, the March 28<sup>th</sup> mulching that was planned as a SSTAC spring event was postponed. The revised plan, dependent upon the opening of Pennsylvania as ordered by Governor Wolf, is to celebrate Arbor Day sometime in the summer, either June or July. At that time the Arbor Day Proclamation will be read.

#### **Tree City USA**

This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year that Swissvale has been recognized as a Tree City USA. Celine will send the stickers for the Tree City signs. Greg Bachy has promised additional Tree City USA signs to be posted at the multiple entrances to the Borough of Swissvale.

#### **Tree Tags**

Julie Ann has created the tree tags to be hung on trees planted by the SSTAC over the past few years. The tags have been laminated and look terrific! She is currently testing the seals and adding additional holes to secure the tags to the trees.

#### **Tree Plantings**

After reviewing tree applications from Swissvale citizens, we have found, unfortunately, not all interested parties have properties that are ideal for a tree. Currently, there has not been enough interest from citizens with appropriate space for street trees to warrant a Tree Vitalize application. The committee will continue to make tree applications available in the hopes of expanding the Urban Canopy in Swissvale.

Kurt has some small trees that survived the winter that may be appropriate for a small tree planting and Gib will be getting two trees from Tree Pittsburgh as part of their spring community give-away.

### **Other Tree News**

16 trees have been planted around the renovated Dickson Preparatory STEAM Academy. Gib will add these trees to the Swissvale Tree Inventory. A list of trees in the Borough which require pruning or removal was also given to Greg Bachy by Gib.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.