



Swissvale Shade Tree Advisory Committee

August 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Gib Miller, Julie Ann Mountain, Kurt Summersgill, Mike Takacs, Terry Ward

The meeting started at 7:00 PM and was held via Zoom.

Tree tag good news

The tree tags are holding up well. Tags need to be added to the trees along Harrison Street. Julie Ann and Gib will look into what trees may have been forgotten for tagging.

Spring 2021 Tree Vitalize application (see attached short list and a new tree request)

The Tree Vitalize application for a spring 2020-2021 planting is due in the middle of September. At this time, there are four tree requests that have been sent to the SSTAC. In addition, one of the cherry trees on Washington is dead and is in need of being replaced. While these are not sufficient in number for an application, Gib and Greg Bachy have spoken about the streetscape on Noble Street. The borough is able to cut tree pits and change the dirt but, at this time, is unable to purchase appropriate trees. This would give the committee 20+ trees to list on the Tree Vitalize application. Gib is getting more information from the borough on where the trees will be placed on Noble Street. Gib is working to get Jeff from Tree Vitalize to see the locations by the end of August. Greg has said that the borough can also make the cuts and change the dirt for the businesses on Harrison Street who have requested trees.

Early planning for fall 2020 events

A fall event was discussed which would entail pruning, staking, and possibly planting trees during late October or early November. From now until the October meeting, SSTAC members should take note of trees in need of any help. The newest small trees planted on Nevada are doing well but will be staked for the winter. It was also suggested to clean up the park let on Church and Braddock and possibly the trees on Park Avenue. Mike, Kurt, and Gib have some small trees that could be used for planting at this time. Location will be discussed at the next meeting on September 9th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30.