



**Swissvale Shade Tree Advisory Committee**  
**October 14, 2020 meeting minutes**

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

**Other Attendees:** Jan Raether- NMRWA, Melissa Jenereski

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

**Tree Vitalize Application**

As per our last meeting, Greg Bachy received a resolution from Swissvale Council to put in an application to Tree Vitalize. Gib completed and submitted the application on September 8th. At this time, Tree Vitalize needs to meet with Greg Bachy to assess the sites for each of the trees to be planted. The utilities will need to be marked before the final approval and confirmation of trees. Greg Bachy has agreed to do this and to meet with Gib and Brian but a date has not been set as of yet. Gib will send out an email to set up this meeting.

**Next SSTAC Event**

Tree Pittsburgh has organized a tree give away for October 17<sup>th</sup>. Gib, Julie Ann, Kurt, and Terry signed up for two trees each. The committee plans to plant these trees at Park Avenue on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. At that time, some of the smaller trees may be transplanted. Gib will ask the borough to drop off mulch to use for all trees located at Park Avenue. Jan will not be available on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>, but someone from NMRWA will attend and bring necessary equipment for use by the committee.

**Tree Tags**

Using the Tree Inventory, Gib made a list of trees on Harrison, Whipple, and at Dickson that still need tree tags. He has plans to add a new tab to the Tree Inventory on which we can check when tree tags have been added to each tree.

**Other Business**

Gib will discuss the following with Greg Bachy.

- Planting trees at Collingwood Park. Are there any restrictions?
- Identifying utilities so as to proceed with the Tree Vitalize application
- Providing mulch for the planting event at Park Avenue on October 24<sup>th</sup>

- Identifying trees that were removed to update the Tree Inventory

The committee was asked to observe community trees to identify dead trees in need of removal. Also, they will look for areas in which additional trees could be planted. Sunrise Academy, St. Lawrence Street, and Hampton Street were areas suggested for future plantings.

Next meeting: November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**