



Swissvale Shade Tree Advisory Committee

January 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Gib Miller, JulieAnn Mountain, Mike Takacs, Terry Ward

Other Attendees: Jan Raether- NMRWA

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

- **Tree City USA application**

The Tree City USA application has been nearly completed and Gib will be sending it in after Greg Bachy confirms information about the Borough of Swissvale that is needed on the application and it is signed by the Borough Council President (Abigail Salisbury). The application is due February 1, 2021.

- **Spring 2021 Tree Vitalize Grant Application**

On January 21st, 2021, Gib, Greg Bachy and other available SSTAC members will meet with Brian Crooks from Tree Vitalize to walk through the Swissvale business district to identify the sites for street trees proposed in the Swissvale application. Greg Bachy will identify utility locations and discuss when tree pits will be dug in preparation for the trees. *note: The pandemic could limit availability of trees.

- **Plans for a Tree Pruning**

On February 20th, the SSTAC members will meet at Park Avenue at 10:00 a.m. to assess and prune the trees. The trees at the parklet at Church and Braddock will also be pruned.

- **Tree tags**

JulieAnn will create tree tags to be put on the most recently planted trees and others still missing tree tags. The tags 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 put on the trees in the spring of 2021 as an Arbor Day event.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.