

BETHEL PARK SHADE TREE COMMISSION AGENDA  
Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 6:30 PM

**A. Roll Call**

**Present:** Members: Greg Ament, Brian Joos, Brian Tarbert, Jim Jenkins, Pam Dobos, Michele DeCarlo (Alt), Nancy Morrison (Alt) Municipality: Tim Roney, Ammie Faunce  
Council Liaison: Tim Moury  
**Absent:** Elizabeth Webb, Dave Espinar (Council)

**B. Approval of Minutes** – August 17, 2022: Motioned by Dobos; seconded by Tarbert: passed

**C. Old Business**

1. Ammie Faunce, Environmental Engineer for the Municipality of Bethel Park, will be taking on the position of Municipal Liaison. Tim Roney will be leaving his role on the Shade Tree Commission
2. Miner’s Memorial Planting with Benjamin Franklin Elementary School on October 14, 2022, was successful.
  - a. Planted 19 trees, 8 remaining for spring planting.
  - b. Over 60 students participated along with their teachers, they brought excitement and enthusiasm.
  - c. Brian Tarbet spoke to the students and modeled the proper way to mulch the trees; then, a group of students demonstrated his techniques.
  - d. Thanks to all from Tim Moury; Thanks to the Public Works/Sue Dolinar for planting the trees and for the willing crews that helped to place the mulch around the trees.
  - e. Overall, the weather cooperated, and it was a good experience.
  - f. However, incorrect trees were sent from nursery: Armstrong Maples instead of Red Sunsets. A suggestion was made by Brian Tarbert that the ordered trees be checked off at the time of delivery to make sure this doesn’t happen again.
  - g. In the Spring at the bottom of the hill in Miners – 3 Additional lots donated or acquired through sheriff sale will be planted in the spring.

**D. New Business**

1. **Tree City USA Application** has been submitted and is being reviewed by the Arbor Day Foundation – Hope to hear next year
2. **Tree Vitalize** - Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grant application submitted by Diana Alberter. Application decision available

first quarter 2023. Included in the application: 45 trees at Splash Pad (3000 square feet); 72 arborvitae evergreens throughout borough; Tree Tenders education (Tree Pittsburgh) – staff trained first - plus 20-40 more people, including Shade Tree Commission members

### **3. Future - Tree maintenance, education, and awareness programs**

**a. Davey Tree Inventory** - Still must determine the best way to maintain and update. Specifically, who will be responsible for adding the trees we planted and removing trees taken out. Brian Tarbert indicated that a Representative from Davey's can demonstrate the system to those who will update the inventory – he will investigate who might do this. This can be done on a field trip to the sites of the newly planted trees. Aimee is going to find out who the specific employees from the municipality will be responsible for updating the inventory and therefore who should attend this workshop. Question - how often should hazardous trees be identified - Every 5 years. To be put in inventory tree should be at least an inch in diameter

**b. Follow up on school plantings:** Schedule a field trip to see which trees from the school plantings survived. Possibly, relocate trees if construction of new elementary will disturb the trees. Involve the students in the maintaining of the trees in the spring. Check with the BP School Maintenance person regarding the regular maintenance of the trees.

**c. Website series** for information on tree maintenance and tree impacts – do we want to create this or find someone to do it?

**d. Maintenance of planted trees in parks:** Should we schedule a future event to mulch, cutting saplings, etc. in newly planted areas? Encourage the community to become involved with Tree Tender program – mulching pruning. Next step - get someone who has from community to take over for each small park

**d. Arbor Day** - Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – plant trees at Pine Tree Park off N Street – set up a time in Feb/March to walk it and make some decisions.

### **E. Future Meeting Dates - 2023 Meeting Dates**

1. January 18, 2023
2. March 15, 2023
3. April 19, 2023
4. August 16, 2023

5. November 15, 2023

**F. Adjournment:** Motioned by Ament; seconded by Jenkins; passed