

BETHEL PARK SHADE TREE COMMISSION AGENDA

Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 6:30 PM

Call meeting order Brian,

A. Roll Call

Present: Members: Gregory Ament, Elizabeth Albright, Jim Jenkins, Brian Tarbert, Machel DeCarlo (ALT), NancyJean Morrison (ALT); Municipality: Ammie Faunce; Council Liaison: Timothy Moury, David Espinar

Absent: Pam Dobos, Brian Joos (ALT)

B. Approval of Minutes – November 16, 2022: Motioned by Jenkins; Seconded by Tarbert: Passed.

C. Old Business

1. Tree City USA Membership – In Review. Will hear back regarding status in early March.
2. TreeVitalize Grant – Update. Bethel Park has been awarded TreeVitalize Grant.
 1. \$52,000 in funding approved, made possible by Diana Alberter.
 2. Estimated to include 45 trees planted around Splash Pad, 72 arborvitae planted as buffers in various parks and Tree Tender training for 20 people (will be open for STC members and community).
 3. Another round of funding opened yesterday, may be helpful for future projects.
 4. Ament contacted Penn State Dept of Forestry to hold training in Bethel Park
 5. Ideally, hold Tree Tender Training in Bethel Park. However, on-site training costs would approximate \$1200, and 2023 slots are limited.
 6. Espinar – Green Giants are deer resistant and should be preferred for planting grants. STC will make tree selection when available.
2. Miner’s Memorial Planting with Benjamin Franklin Elementary School.
 1. Planted 19 trees on October 14, 2022, 8 trees remaining for spring (this were unavailable at first planting). Plaque outstanding for Spring.
 2. Discussed inviting Ben Franklin again to plant. An environmental group recently started in BPSD, could be an option for volunteers’ interest as well. and could be interested. could be an option to reach out for interest.
 3. New trees need added to Davey Tree Inventory
3. Neil Armstrong Middle School is relocating, interested in rewalking previous tree plantings in this area to access health and discuss relocating.
 1. Jenkins contacted Landscape Architect at NAMS regarding transplanting trees
 2. Previous planting supported by school Athletic Dept, Neil Armstrong Science Club may also have interest.
 3. Set up a walk in February/March to evaluate trees.
4. Davey Tree Inventory – Update. Tarbert in process of setting up education meeting. Licenses are being addressed.

D. New Business

1. Community Tree Adoption – Tree Pittsburgh Event
 1. 150 locally grown container trees will be given out to residents on a first-come first-serve basis. BP residents will have a chance to reserve (up to 2 trees)

before event, any unreserved trees will be opened to Allegheny County residents.

2. Proposed: Arbor Day 4/28 from 4pm to 6pm for tree pickup. Will be in the Community Center parking lot (in front of the playground).
3. Municipality will publicly advertise event to BP residents first, then event will be advertised by Tree Pittsburgh to all of Allegheny County.
4. Attendance to event is not mandatory, but any support is appreciated.

E. Arbor Day is April 28, 2023 – Pine Tree Park

1. Proposed 10am to 11am planting at Pine Tree Park on Arbor Day 4/28.
2. Would like to invite Lincoln Elementary students so they can return as seniors to see the trees they planted.
3. Need to walk this site February/March. Dead trees will need noted on Inventory.
4. Park construction is complete except for permeable pathway. Will have pathway and utilities marked on map.
5. Would like to either allow kids to backfill or have a presentation on backfilling a few trees.

F. Walkthrough of Pine Tree Park

1. Proposed date is Saturday February 11th at 10am. Date dependent on weather.
2. Dependent on time at site, may walkthrough Miner's Memorial as well.

G. Future Meeting Dates - 2023 Meeting Dates

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

H. **Adjournment:** Motioned by Ament, seconded by Jenkins; Passed.