



BETHEL PARK SHADE TREE COMMISSION (STC) Minutes

Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 6:30 PM

- A. Meeting called to Order: Brian Tarbert
- B. Roll Call: **Present:** Members: Gregory Ament, Jim Jenkins, Brian Tarbert, Machel DeCarlo (ALT), Pam Dobos, Brian Joos, Nancy Jean Morrison (ALT); Municipality: Ammie Faunce; Drew Dowdell, Tom Miller; Council Liaison: Timothy Moury; School Board Liaison: Barry Christenson
Absent: Dave Espinar, Elizabeth Albright
- C. Approval of Minutes – January 18, 2023 - Ament motioned; Jenkins second; passed
- D. Old Business
 - a. Tree City USA Membership– In Review
 - b. Tree Tenders Training March 18th, 2023 = necessary for Tree USA certification. Ammie, Tom, and Angel attended in the fall. – will count for Tree USA certification.
 - c. Drew Dowdell introduced – New Communications Director – Interested in what the STC wants to broadcast to the BP community.
 - d. Arbor Day is Friday, April 28, 2023 – Pine Tree Park @ 10am – Possibly HS Environmental Club and Lincoln Elementary School Kindergarten participation. Order will be placed for trees. Jim Jenkins has some pricing for Green Giant Arborvitae.
 - e. Community Tree Adoption – Tree Pittsburgh Event – 150 Community members can order 2 gal. trees– almost sold out. Pick up - Arbor Day 4/28 4pm – 6pm @ BP Community Center
 - f. Spring Miners Memorial Planting- Planting Friday, (Earth Day) April 21st. – Environmental Club interested in helping out 8 trees – holes dug by Municipality. Includes a pine tree up above near concession stand for more sun exposure.
- E. New Business
 - a. Neil Armstrong – Jim Jenkins looked at trees that were planted. Cleaned up – took off tubes – then replaced after weeding. Oaks and hawthorns are doing ok. Red Sunsets are doing well but have deer damage – in future the guard has to be higher – Work with School District to transplant the trees as part of the new elementary plan.
 - b. There is a tree planting on April 11th at HS through Tree Pittsburgh – little saplings – grass cut down already – Environmental Club is spearheading it. A concern was expressed about maintaining(watering and weeding) the trees that have been planted thus far.
 - c. Tree Inventory – 4 years ago -Tree Keeper – Read only allows you access the information. Decision to have 2 administrators – Ammie F. is now an administrator. 100 trees have been cut down recently by Municipality. Discussion about qualifications for

who can decide to remove trees. There is a liability regarding dead trees for the municipality. Ammie will be the gatekeeper for removing trees from the tree inventory. She will be getting the report about tree removal and tree pruning from Tom in public works. Names and emails for everyone on STC to be read only on Tree Inventory website. Someone to come demonstrate how to use the inventory.

- d. Tree Canopy on private property question asked by Brian Joos.
 - e. Noted that it is difficult to find stuff on municipal website related to STC and information about things like Trees are Good link and recommended trees. Tim Moury said that the website was being revised
 - f. Follow up regarding Pine Tree park – most trees have been removed, getting an expert to assess taking 3 of large trees down.
 - g. Question asked: What's the next phase after Arbor Day. Where do we want to go from here?
 - h. Recommendation to possibly join the American Chestnut Organization for \$300/year. Discussion about the Chestnut blight
 - i. Suggestion: Create a five year plan for the Neighborhood parks – suggest plantings – organize friends of the park – tour some of the parks.
- F. Public Comments: Mr. Shomway – expressed concern about the maintenance of trees planted.
- G. Future Meeting Dates- 2023 Meeting Dates
- a. April 19, 2023
 - b. August 16, 2023
 - c. November 15, 2023
- H. Adjournment :Jenkins motioned and Ament second: passed