



BETHEL PARK SHADE TREE COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 6:30 PM

- A. Meeting called to order: Gregg Ament
- B. Roll Call: **Present:** Members: Gregory Ament, Jim Jenkins, Brian Tarbert, Machel DeCarlo (ALT), Brian Joos (ALT), Nancy Jean Morrison (ALT); Municipality: Ammie Faunce, Drew Dowdell; Council Liaison: Timothy Moury
Absent: Dave Espinar, Pam Dobos, Elizabeth Albright, Barry Christenson
- C. Approval of Minutes – March 15, 2023 - Ament motioned; Jenkins second; passed
- D. Old Business
 - a. Bethel Park is officially a member of Tree City USA.
 - b. Arbor Day is April 28, 2023 – Pine Tree Park at 10am. Lincoln Elementary School and Highschool Environmental Club will be in attendance. The STC will have a short presentation.
 - c. Community Tree Adoption – Tree Pittsburgh Event on Arbor Day 4/28 from 4pm – 6pm at BP Community Center Playground Parking Lot.
 - d. Miners Memorial Planting – April 21st at 10am. Highschool Environmental Club will be in attendance.
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 - a. Drew Dowell - Penn State Chestnut Tree Update.
 - i. Received 18 B3-level blight resistance chestnut tree seeds. Evey Hardware to donate buckets and potting materials to plant all the seeds. These need to grow for 2 years before being transplanted; these will remain at Public Works.
 - b. Future projects for Shade Tree Commission
 - i. Bethel Park is eligible to apply for the Tree City USA Growth Award after one year of membership. This will be completed with the next Tree City USA Membership application.
 - ii. Friends of the Park Volunteer Program to be presented before Council. If passed, the program will start in Pine Tree Park.
 - iii. Idea proposal for Shade Tree Commission booth at BP Community Day; either educational booth or collaboration with Tree Pittsburgh.

- iv. Idea proposal for field trip to the Tree Pittsburgh facility.
- v. Idea proposal for future Tree Tenders to have a twice a year planting/pruning/mulching event to maintain park trees.
- vi. Idea proposal to transplant One Tree Per Child trees from NAMS to new site; to complete Spring 2024.
- vii. Idea proposal to join the Chestnut Foundation to support goal of restoring Chestnut trees to Bethel Park. Annual dues approximately \$300.
- viii. Joos – ‘Story of Trees’ Tree Canopy article to be published online.

E. Future Meeting Dates - 2023 Meeting Dates

- a. August 16, 2023
 - b. November 15, 2023
- F. Adjournment: Ament motioned; Jenkins second; passed.