



BETHEL PARK SHADE TREE COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, August 16, 2023, 6:30 PM

Meeting called to order by Gregg Ament.

A. Roll Call

Present: Members: Gregg Ament, Jim Jenkins, Brian Joos, Machel DeCarlo (ALT); Municipality: Ammie Faunce, Tom Miller; Council Liaison: Timothy Moury

Absent: Members: Elizabeth Albright, Brian Tarbert, Pam Dobos, NancyJean Morrison, Barry Christenson

B. Approval of Minutes – April 19, 2023; Motioned by Jenkins; Seconded by Ament; Passed.

C. Old Business

1. Fall Tree Tenders Training will be held October 7th @ BP Community Center.

D. New Business

1. Park Avenue Landscape Buffer Plan Review. Shade Tree Commission recommends planting Green Giant Arborvitae based on deer resistance, noninvasive root growth (will mitigate aggressive root growth towards pool water), and privacy buffer. 5156 Park Ave Resident in agreement.
2. Review Previous Plantings – Millennium, Miners Memorial, Pine Tree Park. Bethel Park has planted over 45 trees and Public Works has spent over 900 hours planting and pruning trees this year to date. Neil Armstrong MS and Memorial ES plantings to be added in TreeKeeper.
3. Friends of the Park Program postponed due to Arbor Day rainout. To be relaunched in Spring 2024.
4. Community Day Booth – September 9th 10am to 3pm @ BP Highschool. Will promote Shade Tree Commission's recent work and have interactive activities for children.
5. Future Projects & Planting Locations. Elm Tree Park and Molly Hill Park are next for future renovation; potential arbor day planting location.

6. Educational Program & Article Suggestions. Please forward Shade Tree Commission article drafts for the website to Ammie Faunce afaunce@bethelparkpa.gov.

E. Future Meeting Dates

1. 2023 Meeting Dates
 - i. November 15, 2023

F. Adjournment; Ament motioned; Jenkins second; passed.