

Park and Tree Board Meeting 1.16.2023 (draft)

- In attendance
 - Kristofer Dubuque
 - Ben Baskins
 - Eve Kenyon
 - Caitlin Parwana
 - Judy Esposito
 - Kristopher Williams
- Public Attendee Liz Kormos
- Starting at 7:04pm CCE of Saratoga County

December Meeting Minutes Accepted/Approved

- Reviewed BSBA Feedback and Recommendations on Wiswall Park Improvements
- Discussed recommendations and next steps for final approval with board.

- Motion to approve recommendations on Wiswall Park to present to Studio A for next Design draft.
The next design will then be submit to the Village of Ballston Spa Board for Approval of the Design.
 - Motion Made By Kristopher Williams Second By Judy Espo All In Favor
 - Design updates will ideally be done in January for Studio A
 - Design will be presented to board and shared for public comment.

- Park Rules Discussed
 - Leash Law- Should Wiswall adopt the same leash law- current against Village Code to have pets in Wiswall Park
 - Exception for ADA compliant motorized/assisted wheel chairs and other
 - Dusk to Dawn Park Closed

- Other
 - The need for full inclusion with communications between the Village Board and Village Park and Tree Board with infrastructure decisions / improvements
 - Consider quarterly meetings or regular updates by email to open up more communications.
 - Requesting proper notifications for Park and Tree Board through a formal letter regarding decisions made by the Village Board to keep productive actions moving forward.
 - Caitlin will work on an email.

- Budget
 - Watering / Work with a small budget to help Adopt A Plot conduct appropriate plantings and maintenance of defined location in the Village. Park and Tree Board should recommend procedures.
 - Consider a recommendation to have the Village pay and hire a seasonal workers to maintain and water plots.
 - Keep adopt a plot and provide new direction on rolls and what can be done. Like planting baskets and consider tree plantings and maintenance in vacant tree lots.

 - Reserve funds for mailings and information regarding street trees and regulations.

- Tree Removal/Tree Planting
 - Reserve funds for tree planting from storm damage or other unknowns
 - Dedicate funds for maintenance and new plantings.
 - Prioritize and recommend locations for actions

Next meeting Tuesday February 20, 7pm, Cornell Cooperative conference room

Meeting adjourned 9pm