

VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE

PARK BOARD MEETING

JULY 13, 2021

ATTENDANCE: Mark Lipan, Debbie Steel, Bob Barsan, Shelley Jurkiewicz, Dann Nivens, Beth Schluep, Bernie Hovey, Cynda Zuch, Jim Newhouse,

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes: Correction, Beth said that the ceremony in the Arboretum was sponsored by The Shade Tree commission not just her. Minutes approved.

Financial: approved

Mayor Hovey reported that Hank Gulich has resigned from Park Board and Shade Tree Commission.

REPORTS:

Chairman: Shelley asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Beth nominated Bob Barson. Bob asked for a description of the requirements of the job. Jim seconded the nomination. A vote was taken and Bob was approved.

Recreation: Jim reported that the courts are resurfaced and look wonderful. They are re-painted and have new nets. Jim said that there is a sign-up for the tennis courts but not the basketball courts. The cost was \$15,000. Jim reported that the people he has talked to are very happy.

Arbor Day: No report.

Arboretum: It was reported that a family requesting a tree would like a non-traditional plaque. There was discussion and a vote taken. It was decided that all plaques should be uniform. Cynda asked about tree adornment. It was decided that the form requesting a tree would be updated and would state that there be no adornment of trees or decorations in the Arboretum.

Islands: Cynda reported that it has been a rough start. No rain, too much rain, weeds are out of control. The deer continue to be a problem. Cynda said that she is looking for solutions for the deer. Cynda reported that someone pulled up plants on the island at Highland and the Blvd. The plants have been replanted.

Trees: Beth reported that Paul Theiss will be writing an article about trees for Neighbors of Silver Lake and Northampton publication each month. Beth said that she is working on the tree inventory which is on the website. This inventory will have to be updated every year. Beth reported that she is trying to complete a map of the

Arboretum. Shelley suggested a committee to help complete the map. Beth said that many trees need attention and maybe volunteers could do some trimming. Cynda said that you need to have some knowledge in order to correctly trim a tree.

Garden Club: Cynda reported that there have not been any meetings. She said that they are thinking about a fall event.

Special Projects: Bob reported that he has sprayed the Marcia Mandala trail for poison ivy, and the trail has been widened in some areas and looks good. Bob said that he picked up the signs about dogs on a leash and will be putting them up. Shelley complimented Bob on the work that he and his friends have done on invasives.

Village Garden & Pollinator Committee: Shelley reported that the garden by the Indian statue looks great. She said that the back pollinator meadows are a work in progress.

Council: No report.

Service Department: Mark reported that paving is done. He said that salt was delivered at a cost of \$79.00 a ton. Mark reported that a guard rail on Graham Rd. needs repaired. A water survey is being done looking for leaks.

New/Old: Terms for committees were discussed. It was decided that committees would not be assigned by districts. Term length would be 4 yrs. Staggered.

Adjourn: 7:05 p.m.

Next meeting: August 10, 2021