

**Silver Lake**  
**Shade Tree Commission Minutes**  
Thursday, April 1, 1:00 pm  
Village Hall

**Next Meetings:** Thursday, May 13, 1 p.m.

**Present:** Beth Schluep  
Bob Henry  
Sheri Petrosek  
Ben Gregory  
Hank Gulich  
Paul Theiss

**March Meeting Minutes approved.**

**Old Business**

1. Service Department
  - a. New trees to be picked up next week from Klyn's.
  - b. Estimated 10 trees removed around the Village.
  - c. Service Department job description: as it relates to tree care. Cross training is a part of service department's mantra. Ben to ensure job description covers needs for tree skills.
  
2. STC Annual Timeline Review
  - a. January:
    - i. Remove: "budget" from first bullet.
    - ii. Change "Begin planning Arbor Day celebration" to "Coordinate planning Arbor Day celebration with Park Board and Service Department"
  - b. Ben to highlight items the Service Department is responsible for. To be reviewed at next meeting.
  
3. STC Web Page:
  - a. Debra contact info added.
  - b. Pay the Shade Forward article posted.
  - c. Two articles added to the blog page.
  - d. Challenge is to encourage residents to visit the page.
  - e. Bob will add "Pay the Shade Forward" materials to the site.
  - f. Bob to research how to add our info to the Village Facebook page.
  
4. 2020 Tree Village Inventory Zone 3
  - a. Tree Tracker: Inventory will be entered into Tree Tracker early April.

## 5. Education -

- a. Water bill will be in an envelope and will be 8x11. Most likely in June.  
Can include our information in the envelope.
- c. Silver Lake Facebook page. Bob to ask Kim if we can post to this.
- d. Pay the Shade Forward article submitted by Marcia to Falls News Press and Silver Lake Neighbor Magazine.,
- e. How to Distribute Tree Canopy Project outcomes to residents:
  - i. Present to Council at April 19.
  - ii. Beth and Marcia to review with Paul the 5 minute presentation
- f. Electronic Village sign: Beth met with Mayor to add messaging: "Less Mulch, More Flare", "Pay the Shade Forward" "Celebrate Arbor Day" "Visit STC web page".
- g. Handout for "How to Mulch" and "Pay the Shade Forward" reviewed and approved with minor changes. Sheri to finalize and bring next meeting.

## New Business

1. Need to educate residents on Spotted Lantern Fly.
2. Spring Projects: consider projects residents can get involved in.
3. Consider signage that easily states helpful environmental issues for SLV: Such as "Don't dump anything into sewers" "Filter storm water with barrier plants..."d "Seminal Years for Village Trees":
4. Canopy cover project:
  - a. Paul reviewed statistical findings compared to "Ideal Forests" -- Theoretical Model of an Urban Forest with defined parameters operating on three independent variables"
  - b. A large number of resident trees are "old" and "wildlings(volunteers)".
  - c. Property line and utility line trees can become problematic for a healthy tree canopy.
  - d. Resident letter sent to participants in the study.
  - e. Phase II is Soil Observation Assessment.
5. Paul: Mulch-keteers: Children getting involved with trees. Such as measuring trees. Avoid over mulching. Etc.