

Shepherdstown Tree Commission Minutes
Thursday, January 8, 2009
7:00 PM
Town Hall

Members Present: Wendy Maddox, L. Robertson, Mary Stanley, Frank Welch, Neal Martineau

Visitors: None

1. Meeting called to order by Chairperson W. Maddox at 7:00 PM
2. Approval of December 11, 2008 Tree Commission Minutes. Carried unanimously.
3. Visitors – None.
4. New Business:
 - A) Tree Commission USA proclamation reading.
Due to everyone being busy or out of town over the holidays the reading was continued. F. Welch and L. Robertson will try to meet with the Mayor, Monday, 1/12/09 to get this done. F. Welch to speak with the Mayor the next day or two regarding this matter. Also, contact the Chronicle for a picture and short caption.
 - B) Spring maintenance pruning scheduling.
This schedule is postponed.
 - C) Agenda and Minutes
L. Robertson requested she be allowed to take minutes, type them up and do the agenda. Amy has requested the minutes get done in a timelier manner. No one had a problem with this.
 - D) Misc. New Business.
 1. W. Maddox stated she will be taking some classes for Pesticide Recertification. These classes will count as CEU's toward her Arborist Certification.
 2. M. Stanley stated she is currently looking into more grant money for the Tree Commission's use.
 3. W. Maddox stated the Tree Commission and Allegheny Power have planted up to 75 trees for the year 2008. Two thirds of which were designed to be under the power lines.
 4. L. Robertson made a suggestion we place some kind of label on all trees planted that would state the common name/botanical name and year planted. W. Maddox stated she would check into the International Society of Arborists (ISA) to see if such labels existed... It was noted that people walking along our streets commonly search the trees for a label.
 5. M. Stanley stated we could make pamphlets available to anyone wanting to plant a tree. A "how to" type brochure.

5. Old Business

A) Ordinance revision.

W. Maddox states she has not had the time to look into the revision. The lawyer, Amy Lamp Leonard, has not responded to the revision. It's now up to the Commission to follow-up with Ms. Leonard. N. Martineau has offered to do the follow-up. W. Maddox will forward the email to him and hopefully he will get it as he's been having trouble with his computer.

B) Streetscape planting maintenance.

This schedule is dependent on Streetscape's progress and since the trees will not be planted until spring this has been postponed.

Motion made by L. Robertson, Second by W. Maddox to adjourn at 7:35 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectively submitted,
Lori Robertson