

Shepherdstown Tree Commission Minutes

Thursday, December 8, 2016

7:00 p.m. Town Hall

1. Members Present: L. Robertson, Bernardine Somers, Frank Welch, and J. Dillon.

Absent: None

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m. by L. Robertson.

2. Approval of Minutes: **J. Dillon – if there are no objections, the minutes are approved. No objections.**

3. Visitors: None

3a. Visitor's Comments - are logged in where applicable.

4. Unfinished Business:

a. Entler – prune limbs off of building – fall – F. Welch –we wil include the higher limbs with the winter pruning by Bartlett.

b. Lost Dog Tree – trim fall – F. Welch, Antietam to trim the 3rd week of December.

c. WWII Plaque for Rumsey Park by lilacs and forsythia.

It is actually WWI not WWII. The plaque will say “Garden Planted in Memory of WWI Veterans” Tree

Commission to address this in the winter.

d. Judy Robinson – sidewalk uprooted – concrete--

J. Dillon – looked at this. The tree that was uprooted and fell was in a wet area. The other tree/s are healthy but we will keep monitoring them and the sidewalk. No pruning is necessary for the sugar maple.

e. Dead Ash tree on German – Antietam is scheduled to remove it the 3rd week of December.

f. Complete removal of Maple on High St – Antietam is schedule to remove this tree the 3rd week of December.

g. Ann Magnolia – Princess St replacement – J. Dillon to order over the winter for planting in April.

h. Grant Moerschel – Tree at 106 N Duke Street-
Norway Maple – removal. There is crown dieback-
Antietam will call Mr. Moerschel directly.

i. Tree replacement on Washington St where tree recently fell-- J. Dillon suggested a Hornbeam and will get it ordered.

j. Review of Princeton Elms, Black Gum trees,
Serviceberry, Tree Lilacs –Bartlett to do it at the end of
January.

k. Verbage for Comprehensive Plan –input from
Commission.

l. 204 W. Washington – Ann Christy assess – J. Dillon- this a healthy, cabled, sugar maple that shows no sign of falling. Web will however monitor this tree.

m. Tree wells – John to assess. J. Dillon & Bartlett noted that the newly planted trees on Church & New t hat were planted by Rocky Ridge were planted 3” to deep. They are B&B trees and will rot if not elevated. Some of the trees can have the mulch pulled away from the base to expose the crown. F. Welch has tried numerous times to reach John with Rocky Ridge and has not received a call back to date. John does not have an email for the business. L. Robertson will also try to reach him. F. Welch will not pay the bill until we get this issue resolved.

The root flare needs to be visible for all trees. Also, the tree wells were not expanded as we spoke about.

5. New Business:

a. Rose Bushes – L. Robertson to call Jennifer to trim rose bushes on King St.

b. Rana Harmon’s problem tree – Antietam thinks it is salvageable but it’s questionable. The consensus is to remove it and plant another large tree in its place. James suggested a London Plane.

c. Have Daniel come to our Tree Commission meeting in April.

6. Maintenance/Misc. – Bartlett Spring 2017

L. Robertson – if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 7:38 pm. No objections noted. Minutes respectfully submitted by L. Robertson, Chair.