

Shepherdstown Tree Commission Minutes

Thursday, September 13, 2018

7:00 p.m. Town Hall

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1. Members Present: Frank Welch, Lori Robertson - Chair, Bernie Somers, and James Dillon

2. Absent: None

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

2. Approval of Minutes: Not available

3. Visitors: Judy Robertson, Jim Gatz, and James Remuzzi

4. Unfinished Business:

a. WWI Plaque for Rumsey Park for lilacs and forsythia – “Garden Planted in Memory of WW! Veterans”.

Once the park is cleaned up we will order the plaque.

b. Ann Magnolias – S. Princess Street beds – waiting on curb repairs.

c. Verbiage for Comprehensive Plan – Pending

d. Tree Wells – Jennifer to assess and do the work – Lori to inquire.

e. Viola Devonshire Park – weed and mulch around tree.

Parks do some work soon.

f. F. St Peters Lutheran – Christine Wilson – Church and New St-trim roots. The town will fix by taking out part of sidewalk and placing gravel down. – still pending.

g. SU Hill – 3 trees – Black Gum “Wildfire” Ask John with Reading Landscaps in Winchester-1st choice is Zumi Calocarpa. Lori

h. Budget –

i. Rumsey Park/monarch station – update – J. Remuzzi needs to spray the area at least one more time with a herbicide. The lilacs

are coming back nicely, and the forsythia almost need to be trimmed again. We need to discuss what to do with the “dip” area. The butterfly area needs to be kept sprayed, and James R. will do that regularly. James R. will also map it out around Rumsey for maintenance. We need to mulch around the lilacs after he sprays it one more time, and will mark with pin flags where Bartlett could place mulch in a pile after they cut down a tree in town. Lori stated that the butterfly garden had to be done and cleared before filling out the application. We think it can be ready by April to apply in June.

- j. Tree replacement on Washington St.
J. Robertson stated this is needed where the older one fell. James D. will check to see if Sunny Meadows has an American Hornbeam.
- k. Judy Kernek – trees across from her home on New St. – Jap. Lilacs, and one by the Catholic Church. James D. to evaluate them.
- l. Potomac Edison - they have come, but still have to remove an Ash tree by the water plant near the boat ramp.
- m. New and Church St – limbs away from sidewalk – James D. thinks he can trim them.
- n. Eagle’s house behind Library – Frank to add them to Bartlett’s list.

5. New Business:

- a. Library Tree– trimming – Frank will have Bartlett take a look to thin the water sprouts.
- b. 215 W. New Street – Jim Gatz – replace tree – This is an area we will have to look at to see if we can actually put one there. Mr. Gatz understands if we cannot.
- c. 200 W. Washington – Judy Robertson – addressed above.
- d. 206 W. Washington – Ann Christy – same tree concerns as J. Robertson – see if we can trim or replace.
- e. 113 N. Church Street – Carlos – letter asking him to remove. Letter

was sent and he responded that the tree was not on his property. The Zoning officer and Frank W. will look into the boundaries.

d. Green Giant Arborvitae by water tanks – Frank prefers to not have trees there as he would have to dig them up for the utility buried.

6. Maintenance/Misc. – Spring 2019

*****We would like to meet in October at Rumsey Park*****

L. Robertson – if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 8:05 p.m. No objections noted. Minutes respectfully submitted by L. Robertson, Chair.