

# Shepherdstown Tree Commission Minutes

Thursday, November 8, 2018

6:30 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 6:36 p.m. by L. Robertson.

2. Approval of Minutes: **F. Welch – if there are no objections, move to approve the August 2018 minutes. None noted.**

3. Visitors: Carrie Drewrey

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.  
Gall will be coming to town soon for several repairs.
- c. Verbiage for Comprehensive Plan – Pending
- d. Tree Wells – Jennifer to assess and do the work – Lori to inquire.
- e. 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. – the owners have put some gravel down. This is our list to do.
- f. SU Hill – 3 trees – Black Gum “Wildfire” Ask John with Reading Landscapes in Winchester-1<sup>st</sup> choice is Zumi Calocarpa – Lori spoke to Reading Landscapes and they have at least one, maybe two. John has not responded back. James Dillon got 15 gallon Wildfire. If Reading's has enough, we will have them plant them as well.

- g. Budget – F. Welch stated that we are good.
- h. Rumsey Park/monarch station – update – J. Remuzzi has sprayed the area twice. We now have to let the chemicals work.
- i. Judy Kernek – trees across from her home on New St. – Jap. Lilacs look like they need to come down per J. Dillon. The Catholic Church tree is on the list to be trimmed. James D. looked at these trees and they need to be removed. Frank will add them to Bartlett's list.
- j. Library Tree– trimming – Bartlett to thin the water sprouts.
- k. 215 W. New Street – Jim Gatz – replace tree – J. Dillon has ordered a 15-gallon American Elm. Needs to be planted before Jan. 1. J. Dillon to email Mr. Gatz so he can remove the perennials he planted in advance of the tree being planted.
- l. 113 N. Church Street – Carlos – F. Welch has asked for a survey of High Street. Ed Johnson is the surveyor.
- m. There are two trees in front of the Opera House that are in bad shape and need to be removed. J. Dillon suggested a Sweet Gum Rotundilba, Brandywine Red Maple, or Red Rage Black Gum. We all opted for the Black Gum. J. Dillon to see if he can locate it.
- n. The tree in front of the Mayor’s home on New Street – is on Bartlett’s list.

5. New Business:

- a. Appointment to fill vacancy-

Carrie Drewrey was present to tell us about herself.

**J. Dillon -If there are no objections, move to recommend Carrie Drewrey to fill the Tree Commission vacancy. None Noted.**

- b. Reappointment of current member-

**L. Robertson – if there are no objections, move to reappoint James Dillon for another Tree Commission term. None noted.**

- c. J. Dillon noted that the Armstrong maple is dead, and will order a Red Rage Blackgum as a replacement.

6. Maintenance/Misc. – Spring 2019

**L. Robertson – if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 7:07 p.m. No objections noted. Minutes respectfully submitted by L. Robertson, Chair.**