

Shepherdstown Tree Commission Minutes [SEP]

October 8, 2020

6:00 p.m. [SEP] Town Hall [SEP]

Masks and Distancing Required

1. **Members Present:** Lori Robertson – Chair, Frank Welch, James Dillon, Carrie Blessing, and Marty Amerikaner.
2. **Absent:** Carrie Blessing
3. **Call to Order:** L. Robertson called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.
4. **Approval of August and September, 2020 Minutes:**
Minutes not available
5. **Visitors:** Mayor Auxer
4. **Unfinished Business-**
 - a. WWI Plaque for Rumsey Park by lilacs and forsythia. The plaque will say “Garden Planted in Memory of WWI Veterans”. Need to mount.
 - b. Abby Reese – 213 W New St. – dead tree – Bartlett to remove –
UPDATE – DONE!
 - c. Verbiage for Comprehensive Plan –input from Commission. Pending.
 - d. Tree wells – Sent email Public Works to try to do it – UPDATE

Frank stated that two wells have been done and they have one or two more to do.
 - e. 103 W. High St –dogwood - James to order – UPDATE

James stated that a tree is needed. There are no wires to contend with. To be determined: A Wildfire Black Gum (60x30) \$200, Small Redbud/Dogwood/ Serviceberry, or an Adirondack Cherry.

f. Monarch way station – Ribbon Cutting – looking at July 2021 – New grant bed plants and planting update. Bed Maintenance. Update. Lori mentioned that there is a large stand of milkweed behind the Clarion that the town is interested in.

James and Lori to meet October 18th to plant the flowers/grasses that Lori picked up from the Monarch Alliance at Sunny Meadows.

g. Ash trees – keep on agenda for 2020 treatment. Shawn Walker is to them very soon.

h. HOLD DUE TO COVID - Suggestion to have Bartlett give us a quote to clear the bowl in Rumsey Park with a brush-cutter. Then plant a large White oak (red foliage in the fall) or a Chinkopin Oak and keep the bowl clear. Put a large circle around the tree for water to pool to keep it moist. Discuss. D. Rosen suggested another company – Viking Tree service – 304-988-5557.

i. Limb on E. New St. hanging over the sidewalk very low, needs cutting. Update.

j. 335 W. German St – Golden Raintree – Bartlett quote. – This tree has been approved for removal. Bartlett needs a flagman to direct traffic. Maybe the state can reimburse us for that.

k. 340 W. High St. – Silver Maple – need to let Bartlett assess – no action right now.

5. New Business:

a. Mayor – trees need to be trimmed off of our town signs that need it. We have so many signs. If someone sees a sign that needs a tree trimmed away from it, we can let Frank know so it can be attended to.

b. Pete Spaulding reached out to Hali regarding the Crab Apple tree on German St. He feels it's the incorrect tree for the location.

c. Bob Hanna – Forrester – can order trees specifically for our area. He needs 3 choices. James suggested a Sugar Maple, Wildfire Black Gum, and a Winter King Hawthorn.

6. **Maintenance/Misc.** - Bartlett Spring 2021

7. Adjournment:

L. Robertson – if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 6:50 p.m. None noted.