

Shepherdstown Tree Commission Minutes [L] [SEP]

November 23, 2020
5:30 p.m. [L]
[SEP] Town Hall [L]
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Masks and Distancing Required

1. **Members Present:** Lori Robertson – Chair, Frank Welch, James Dillon, Carrie Blessing, and Marty Amerikaner (by speaker phone).
2. **Absent:** None
3. **Call to Order:** L. Robertson called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.
4. **Approval of October 8, 2020 Minutes only. August/September not available:**
 - C. Blessing – move to approve the October 8, 2020 minutes. No objections noted.
5. **Visitors:** None
4. **Unfinished Business-**
 - a. WWI Plaque for Rumsey Park by lilacs and forsythia. The plaque will say “Garden Planted in Memory of WWI Veterans”. DONE!!! Thank you Public Works!!
 - b. Verbiage for Comprehensive Plan –input from Commission. Pending.
 - c. Tree wells – Public Works – one or two more to do – UPDATE

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

A Serviceberry was decided upon. James will pick one out at a garden center and flag the location on High St.

f. Monarch way station – Ribbon Cutting July 2021 if possible – New grant bed plants and planting update Bed Maintenance. Update.

James and Lori met October 18th to plant the flowers/grasses that Lori picked up from the Monarch Alliance at Sunny Meadows. Lori received an email from the Monarch Alliance asking for photos of the project. James and Carrie have some photos they will send.

g. 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.

h. Limb on E. New St. hanging over the sidewalk very low, needs cutting. Update. Lori will attempt to cut it and let Public Works know to haul it away.

i. 335 W. German St – Golden Raintree – Bartlett quote. – This tree has been approved for removal. It is still on the schedule to come down – it had to be postponed to weather conditions. Bartlett needs a flagman to direct traffic. The state has offered to help with the flagmen needed.

j. 340 W. High St. – Silver Maple – Bartlett has assessed this tree and it needs to come down. It is hollow. A quote is forthcoming.

k. Mayor – trees need to be trimmed off of our town signs that need it. Public Works has been on this regularly.

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

The tree is a good choice for the location.

m. 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.

Frank sent our three choices to Bob Hanna and is waiting on a reply.

5. New Business:

a. None

6. Maintenance/Misc. - Bartlett Spring 2021

Bartlett has sent out a proposal that Frank shared with the commission. The proposal includes trimming and treatments. The Ann Magnolias will have preventative treatment for mites/scales and the Blackgum trees preventative for beetles. We need to include the elm on Church and New for trimming. The Library Crabapple leaders need to be trimmed now – not wait for the spring trimming.

L. Robertson – motion to move forward with the Spring 2021 trimming and treatments. No objections noted.

7. Adjournment:

L. Robertson – if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 5:56 p.m. None noted.