

# Shepherdstown Tree Commission Draft Minutes

July 17, 2021

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

## Masks and Distancing Required

1. **Members Present:** Lori Robertson – Chair, Frank Welch, James Dillon, and Jenny Haynes, and Marty Amerikaner
  2. **Absent:** Carrie Blessing
  3. **Call to Order:** L. Robertson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
  4. **Approval of June 17, 2021 minutes.**  
**J. Haynes – move to approve June 17, 2021 Tree Commission minutes. Second by M. Amerikaner. No objections noted.**
  5. **Public Comment:**
  6. **Visitors:** Mayor Auxer, Noble Atkins – Flexipave – he is an urban forester and tree preservation expert.
4. **Unfinished Business-**
- a. Verbiage for Comprehensive Plan –input fr.om Commission. Pending.
  - b. Tree wells – Public Works – Flexipave update - N. Atkins attended the meeting and brought samples, made from rubber and stone/rubber, for us to see and feel. The selection was extensive with many options. The materials form their own edging and require no maintenance. They average \$15-25

per square foot. The paving materials are porous using recycled tires and granite – they won't break down unless damaged. We all walked to the tree wells in front of the bike shop and the Devonshire. Noble measured both locations and will get back to us with a quote.

d. Monarch Way station – Ribbon Cutting July 2021 – date set for July 18<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.

e. 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.

f. Sage Place – James suggested planting perennial evergreen plugs in 2-3 years – Eastern Star Sedge. Trimming quotes from Viking and Bartlett for the fall.

g. Tree City–We received a Wildfire Black Gum will replace a poor Redbud on E. German St., Lori to tag.

h. SU hill – possibilities for planting – Viburnum Winterthur or Black chockberry. CommuniTree planted three trees on the hill but James thinks that these other plants can still go in-between them.

i. Very Large dead pine tree in Rumsey Park to the left of the new Redbud trees. A quote was received from Viking for \$1600. Frank is got a quote from Bartlett for \$1,000.00

**J. Haynes moved to approve the dead pine tree removal from Bartlett.  
M. Amerikaner seconded the motion. No objections noted.**

j. Redbuds on E. German across from Alice C. The tree city tree will replace one of these or an Okame Cherry (to order in August). The other one should be saved.

k. Historic Shepherdstown – back parking lot of the Entler Hotel – dead tree – need quote – Frank has scheduled this work.

l. Austin Slater – 100 W. New St – corner of New/King – Cherry tree encroaching on house roof. Please trim back. Frank has scheduled this work.

- m. Danielle Corsetto – corner of Church/New – Church side – dead Dogwood – will not replace. Public Works to remove dead tree.
- n. Paul Davis – tree in front of his home-mostly dead – 111 N. Mill St. Frank has scheduled this work.
- o. Rachel Heller – 107 N. Mills St. – large Maple dying – concerned about a limb falling on home. Frank is double-checking on this.
- p. Jim Schmitt – dead tree in front of house – Bartlett removed it June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. DONE
- q. Sarah Moerschel and Wendy Moseley – 300 W. High St – tree half dead that the power company repeatedly cuts the top off of. Frank has scheduled this.
- r. Trim limbs off of roof – the first home on the right on N. Mill Street across from the Mill. Frank has not scheduled this yet.
- s. Lori inquired about trimming the trees along S. Princess – the Ann Magnolias and Crepe Myrtle. James explained how to do it and she will do it ASAP. DONE

#### **5. New Business:**

- a. Dead tree in front of Grapes/Grains and Maria's needs to be removed ASAP.
- b. Low hanging branches on High St between Duke and Church need to be trimmed – some impeding the sidewalk.
- c. Rumsey wall has been trimmed but there are still trees impeding the view. A crane is necessary.
- d. No new formal requests

#### **6. Maintenance/Misc. - Fall Spring 2021 -**

#### **7. Adjournment:**

**L. Robertson – if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 7:15 p.m. None noted.**