

# Shepherdstown Tree Commission Minutes [L] [SEP]

May 13, 2021

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

## Masks and Distancing Required

1. **Members Present:** Lori Robertson – Chair, Frank Welch, James Dillon, Marty Amerikaner, and Jenny Haynes

**Absent:** Carrie Blessing

2. **Call to Order:** L. Robertson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

3. **Approval of April 8, 2021 minutes.**  
**Minutes not available**

#### 4. **Public Comment:**

5. **Visitors:** Eric from Viking Tree Service

#### 4. **Unfinished Business-**

- a. Verbiage for Comprehensive Plan –input from Commission. Pending.
- b. Tree wells – Public Works – there is one or two pending on the south side of German Street. These are done. Also, looking at Flexi-pave for around a few of the trees to make pedestrian/wheelchair passage more viable.
- c. 103 W. High St –We will need to bag-water it June/July/August
- d. Monarch Way station – Ribbon Cutting July 2021 – New grant bed plants and planting update Bed Maintenance. L. Robertson weeded and planted several hundred milkweed seeds in the area to the left of Rumsey stairs.  
on to plant milkweed seeds to the right of the stairs. 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. Discuss. D. Rosen suggested another company – Viking Tree service – 304-988-5557.

f. Grant through Than Hitt – CommuniTree – trees have been planted and CommuniTree will be watering them.

g. Sage Place – tree wells will need 2” maximum of mulch around the trees just along Sage Place Drive but not to include the circle. Jennifer mulched these trees. James suggested planting perennial evergreen plugs in 2-3 years – Eastern Star Sedge. Trimming quotes from Viking and Bartlett for the fall.

h. Trees to be trimmed off of our town signs that need it. Public Works has been on this regularly.

i. Bob Hanna/Tree City– Frank to receive a tree for Tree City/Arbor Day. We received a Wildfire Black Gum.

j. 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.

k. Devonshire Tree Removal request –Flexi-pave or alternative - Looking at pricing

l. Sage Place cicada protective netting. The commission discussed at length the pros and cons of netting young trees to protect from cicadas. Lori sent out research obtained from Derek with Bartlett Tree Service citing not to net. Eric from Viking weighed in and agreed with Bartlett. **L. Robertson – moved to not net the trees in town based on the science. Second by J. Dillon. M. Amerikaner abstained. The motion passed with a majority.** Also, are tree bags still needed?

## 5. New Business:

a. Frank -

6. Maintenance/Misc. - Bartlett Spring 2021 -

7. Adjournment:

**L. Robertson – if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 7:03 p.m. None noted.**