

Shepherdstown Tree Commission Draft Minutes

Thursday, June 9, 2022
6:00 p.m. [SEP] Town Hall [SEP]

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

Absent: Carrie Blessing

2. Call to Order: L. Robertson called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

3. Approval of November 18, 2021 minutes.

a. **F. Welch – move to approve November 18, 2021 Tree Commission minutes. Second by J. Dillon. No objections noted.**

b. **J. Dillon – move to approve February 18, 2022 Special Tree Commission minutes. Second by F. Welch. No objections noted.**

4. Visitors: None

5. Public Comment: None

6. Unfinished Business-

a. Verbiage for Comprehensive Plan –input fr.om Commission. Pending.

b. Tree wells – Public Works – Flexipave update for Devonshire. Lori finally spoke to Noble Friday, June 3, 2022. The quote for the Dev’s tree wells and to fix the deteriorating curbing is \$1849.40. This will allow a smooth surface for pedestrians and wheelchairs, as the Flexi-pave will roll over the roots.

J. Dillon – move to approve the quote for the Flexi-pave at the Devonshire to move forward. Second by J. Haynes. No objections noted.

- c. Monarch Way Station – James dropped off White Heath Asters to Lori. She will keep them alive at her home until planting them in the monarch beds in the fall. Rotary will be doing a park cleanup at Rumsey June 14th.
- d. 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.
- e. Sage Place – James suggested planting perennial evergreen plugs in 1-2 years – Eastern Star Sedge. There are 9 trees to maintain – have Bartlett do all 9 trees this spring.
- f. Tree City–We received a Wildfire Black Gum will replace a poor Redbud on E. German St., Lori to tag. Decided the both redbuds are bouncing back and will place the new tree in front of the Lutheran Parrish Hall across from Town Hall. DONE
- g. SU hill –planting in the fall of 2022 – Black Chokeberry. Start with the first set of trees. James will go ahead and order 5.
- h. Jennifer update – Jennifer is leaving the job of taking care of the beds and the other areas. She gave no notice. Her bother, Mike, has worked with her and knows what to do. However, town hall has no info contact on Mike. Lori is reaching out.
- i. Tree Inventory – we need to know what the ROW is in the alleys – ask Frank and Chazz. We still don't have an answer.
- j. Signs – please let us know if signs are impeded by trees/bushes.
- k. Devonshire – branches need to be trimmed badly – James will do it a.s.a.p.
- l. Red Maple in front of Town Hall – put a plaque “In Honor of Pete Spaulding” Lori to reach out on FB to chat with those who had worked with Pete.

- m. Library tree – suckers trimmed – DONE
- n. There is a Gingko that needs to be replaced with a different gender as it stinks. James – it is leaning into the street. James will order a Red Rage Black Gum.
- o. Rumsey Circle – plant the Red Rage Black Gum – DONE

7. New Business:

- a. Parks & Rec – request to remove dead limbs at Bane Harris Park.
- b. Bartlett to trim New Street a.s.a.p. due to the overgrowth. Next, they will trim the alleys for the same reason.
- c. Bartlett maintenance – they have been treating the tree on German St with Derek updating the tree inventory.
- d. Derek with Bartlett will join us for the July 14th meeting.
- e. The commission has expressed a concern for the tree located at the corner of New and King by the Baach's home. Need to reach out to the Baach's to discuss. Tree #273 on page 18 of the tree inventory.

8. Maintenance/Misc. - Fall 2022 -

9. Adjournment:

L. Robertson – if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 7:00 p.m. None noted.