

Shepherdstown Tree Commission Draft Minutes

Thursday, May 11, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Town Hall

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

 - **Absent:** None

 - * **Visitors:** Harvey Heyser
1. **Call to Order:** L. Robertson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

 2. **Approval of April 13, 2023 minutes.**
J. Haynes – move to approve April 13, 2023 Tree Commission minutes.
Second by J. Dillon. No objections noted.

 3. **Public Comment:** None

 4. **Visitor's comments:**

 5. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Verbiage for Comprehensive Plan –input from Commission. Pending.

- b. Monarch Way Station –plants need to be cut back and weeded. The milkweed plants (6 8” pots) from Bartlett will be kept alive at Lori’s house until ok to plant with the lack of rain.
- c. Keep as Pending - 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.
- d. 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 - James to email to update.
- e. Thirty Seasons - to cut the roses and weed before Street Fest.
- f. Tree Inventory – no updates at this time.
- g. 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. We need to go ahead and order it.
- h. There is a Gingko tree that has rebounded and leaving it alone. DONE
- i. The Bradford Pear in front of the Lost Dog - No word yet from Potomac Edison.
- j. Arbor Day - Serviceberry - to plant in front of Grapes and Grains. Possibly have Will do it. Frank thinks his guys might be able to do it.
- k. Deb Tucker - 300 W. High St. - we were going to plant a Black Gum but realized that it will get too tall as there are wires there. Lori to email Deb with these choices per James for under the wires - Serviceberry, Adirondack Crabapple, or an Okame Cherry.
- l. Harvey Heyser – 203 E, High St. – a new tree we planted – he would like it removed – after a lengthy discussion, we will relocate the tree. Harvey stated he has no plans to drive up and over the curb once the tree is removed. He is fine with us doing it in the fall.
- m. Dead tree at the corner of Mill and German - Frank-pending

n. Dead tree by Seagal home - tree tag is either 125 or 135? Corner of German and Duke - German St side - we need to reconfirm the tag number.

7. New Business:

- a. Jenny - there is rain barrel at the Train Station with a broken drain pipe.
- b. There is a bush that has been planted in front of the bike shop. This is where the Black Gum is to be planted. Lori will address this with Eddie.
- c. Girl Scouts Redbud Tree Viola Devonshire - looks great - DONE

8. Maintenance/Misc. - Spring 2023 -

Frank - Bartlett fertilizes automatically - they have been here

*. Next meeting June 22 - 6pm

9. Adjournment:

**J. Haynes – if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 6:33 p.m.
Second by F. Welch. None noted.**