

Shepherdstown Tree Commission Minutes
Thursday, March 13, 2014
7pm - Town Hall

1. Members Present: Frank Welch, Lori Robertson, and James Dillon.

Absent: Rebecca Drewry

Meeting was called to order by L. Robertson at 7:07 p.m.

2. – Approval of Minutes – Moved by J. Dillon, Seconded by F. Welch to accept minutes. Minutes approved unanimously.

Approval of July 13, 2013 Agenda: – Moved by F. Welch Second by J. Dillon. Unanimously approved.

3. – Visitors – None

4. Old Business:

- a. Church request – F. Welch told them it was on their property.

5. New Business:

- a. – German Street trees - discussion

J. Dillon – met with Tom Zeterstrom. Tom suggested the ground cover that is currently in the beds be removed.

No one present was on board with removing the ground cover. It is serving a function and will leave it as is.

F. Welch – does Tom feel it's a water issue?

J. Dillon – yes – feels like it's taking away from the trees.

L. Robertson – the trees are doing fine and the tree roots are deeper than the ground cover on top.

J. Dillon – pointed out that the Tree Commission had voted to give the trees at the top of German St. one more year.. We have fertilized, and watered them. If we have a summer drought then we will bag them. We should post to the community to help keep the bags filled. Maybe the Rotoracks – could be their focus for July and August.

F. Welch – the soil is horrible that was put in all of these beds initially.

J. Dillon – Shep Ogden has pictures of the installation, we should get those. As of now, all of the trees are thriving.

L. Robertson – loves the look of the beds with the liriopie, stella d'ora lilies, and the daffodils.

J. Dillon – actually the Birch by Mellow Moods. It should be a single stem, and open the bricks up a bit with new edging. It needs to be fed each year too. Bartlett can trim it to a single stem. We should do a walk-through soon as a commission. The Hawthorne by the Press Room is leaning and needs to be staked. And, there is a large upright

maple that has a physical wound by the bike shop. Tom suggested removing it, but that's a big deal – cost of approx. \$3,000. Jame's opinion is to let it scar over and it will be fine. We can monitor it and get Bartlett's to give us a list for beetle treatment.

The new pears need continued pruning until there is a central leader. The tree lilac by Picadilly Posh needs to be staked and the bricks expanded.

Princess Street/Mill Street crepe myrtles needs staked, some, not all. The wak-through with Shane was good. We need to give a list to Shane to go ahead before the trees leaf out.

Motion made by L. Robertson, Second by J. Dillon to approve the work with Bartlett based on an appropriate quote. The quote will be emailed to the Commission by J. Dillon. Motion carried unanimously.

Misc – Shawn Walker wants to attend the meetings and possible be a Tree Commission member.

Motion made by L. Robertson, Second by J. Dillon to adjourn at 7:52pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Robertson.