

Shepherdstown Tree Commission Minutes [SEP]

Thursday, March 9, 2017 [SEP]

7:00 p.m. [SEP] Town Hall [SEP]

1. Members Present: L. Robertson, Bernardine Somers, Frank Welch, and J. Dillon.

Absent: None

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by L. Robertson.

2. Approval of Minutes: **J. Dillon – if there are no objections, the minutes are approved. No objections.**

3. Visitors: Kiera Cale, and Jennifer Thompson

3a. Visitor's Comments - are logged in where applicable.

K. Cale – would like to buy a tree to be planted in town in honor of the Out of Darkness walk for Suicide Prevention. It was suggested we plant it in Rumsey Park. J. Dillon suggested a White Oak – to plant in October, has red fall color. Kiera would also like to place a plaque at the base of the tree. She will research plaques and email her options to Lori to share with the Commission. The town will plant it 2/3's and then allow the event to finish shoveling dirt in the hole. Kiera will come back in September to finalize the planting.

4. Unfinished Business:

a. Entler – prune limbs off of building – fall – F. Welch – we will include the higher limbs with the Spring 2017 pruning by Bartlett.

b. Lost Dog Tree – trim fall – F. Welch, Antietam to trim the Spring 2017.

c. WWII Plaque for Rumsey Park by lilacs and forsythia. The plaque will say “Garden Planted in Memory of WWI Veterans”. Lori to order.

d. Judy Robinson – sidewalk uprooted – concrete-- complete

J. Dillon – looked at this. The tree that was uprooted and fell was in a wet area. The other tree/s are healthy but we will keep monitoring them and the sidewalk. No pruning is necessary for the sugar maple.

e. Dead Ash tree on German – Antietam is scheduled to remove it the 3rd week of December. Completed.

f. Complete removal of Maple on High St – Antietam is schedule to remove this tree the 3rd week of December. Completed.

g. Ann Magnolia – Princess St replacement – J. Dillon to order now for planting in April.

h. Grant Moerschel – Tree at 106 N Duke Street-

Norway Maple – removal. There is crown dieback-
Antietam will call Mr. Moerschel directly. Completed.

i. Tree replacement on Washington St where tree recently fell-- J. Dillon suggested a Hornbeam and will order it now.

j. Review of Princeton Elms, Black Gum trees, Serviceberry, Tree Lilacs –Bartlett to do it this Spring.

k. Verbage for Comprehensive Plan –input from Commission. Pending.

l. 204 W. Washington – Ann Christy assess – J. Dillon- this a healthy, cabled, sugar maple that shows no sign of falling. Lori to communicate with homeowner, and will monitor this tree.

m. Tree wells – John to assess. Rocky Ridge did not do the work. Will have Jennifer do assess and do the work.

n. Rana Harmon's tree

5. New Business: [SEP]

a. Rose Bushes – Jennifer to trim rose bushes on King St.

b. L. Robertson filled in the Commission of the cleaning up of S. Princess St. Looking for areas to plant a few more trees. Possibly one in front of 305, one in front of

the brown bldg. on the corner of Princess and back Alley, one by Carlos, one more in front of bank.

c. Have Daniel come to our Tree Commission meeting in April.

d. Shepherdstown Cemetery - trimming

6. Maintenance/Misc. – Bartlett Spring 2017

L. Robertson – if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 7:50 pm. No objections noted. Minutes respectfully submitted by L. Robertson, Chair.