

# Shepherdstown Tree Commission Minutes [L] [SEP]

October 17, 2017 [L] [SEP]

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

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

Absent: Bernardine Somers

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. by L. Robertson.

2. Approval of Minutes: **There were no minutes to approve.**

3. Visitors: Wendy Maddox, Dan Cardenas, and Mark Everhart.

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

4. Unfinished Business:

a. WWI Plaque for Rumsey Park by lilacs and forsythia. The plaque will say "Garden Planted in Memory of WWI Veterans". Lori to order once the work is done at Rumsey..

b. Ann Magnolia – Princess St replacement – pending until the curbing is fixed.

c. Tree replacement on Washington St. where tree fell

recently – J. Dillon suggested a Hornbeam and will get it ordered. To be picked up next week.

d. Verbiage for Comprehensive Plan –input from Commission. Pending.

e. Tree wells –Will have Jennifer do assess and do the work. Lori reached out to Jennifer and she has them on her schedule.

f. Plant tree in honor of Suicide Prevention Awareness. J. Dillon to pick up a Red Oak Friday. Public Works will dig a hole in the designated spot in Rumsey Park, plant and fill it ½ way allowing the group to scoop some shovel loads on top to finish it off. M. Everhart to pay for the tree.

g. Weed beds now – mulch/trim Liriope in fall. Also, to trim the roses in the winter. Jennifer

h. Rana Harmon's problem tree – Siberian Elm – suggested a London Plane. Need to order. This is be picked up next week at Sunny Meadows.

i. Shepherdstown Cemetery, Library, German St. extended, Nancy Craun, Rumsey Park.

j. S. Princess tree recommendations – pending

k. Meet with Dan from Bartlett and Wendy Maddox regarding the Library crabapple tree.

J. Dillion explained the need to thin the Library tree to allow sunlight through. W. Maddox – has pruned to faithfully once a year to keep it at its same size. She has concerns about the use of a growth retardant. If the retardant is used, she will back away from pruning. D. Cardenas recommends the growth regulator on the tree to slow new growth and suckers – it will intensify the blooms and reduce stress. Wendy has been trimming 15% annually, and all agreed that should continue. The tree, amazingly, has no fire blight. All agreed it has won the race and is doing victory laps in terms of lifespan. All agreed to keep the tree alive another 5-10 years, it can longer be decorated with lights, spiderwebs, yarn, etc. D. Cardenas, based on Wendy's concerns, will send the info on this tree to a lab asking about using a growth regulator on it. He will also email the Commission before/after photos of trees that it has been used on.

l. 303 East High St. – Marellen Aherne – dying tree - - Frank contacted Bartlett for them to take it down.

m. 305 West German St – Deb Tucker – tree trimming request. Bartlett to assess.

n. Budget – our budget has been increased from 10K to 20K.

5. New Business: [L]  
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a. Rumsey Park – extensive trimming, pruning, thinning at rear of Park to the right and left of the monument, along both sides, the rear of the monument along the wall and beyond the wall towards the tracks.

Have three quotes from Jay's Tree & Landscaping for \$33,390.00, Gardening by Jennifer Thompson for \$19,500.00, and Sustainable Solutions for \$8,250.00. **L. Robertson – if there are no objections, move to recommend to Parks & Rec Committee for approval. No objections noted.**

b. Entler Hotel – tree trimming – we did this as far as the town guys could reach. Will get Bartlett to trim the high branches off of the building.

c. Viola Devonshire Park – tree planting, west fence – James to look at to plant a new tree.

d. 125 W. German St – Ellen Hoffman – branches leaning on roof. Bartlett to trim.

e. 103 W. High St – old, leaning tree – pulling up sidewalk – Bartlett to assess.

f. St Peters Lutheran – Christine Wilson – Church & New St – trim roots. Have Bartlett assess.

g. SU hill – 3 trees to be planted – Black Gum “Wildfire”

Reach out to Holly Frye to see if SU will pay/help pay for at least one tree.

h. Heidi Glenn replacement tree – she picked out a Sweetgum. – Need to order.

6. Maintenance/Misc. – Bartlett Fall 2017

**L. Robertson – if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 8:08 pm. No objections noted. Minutes respectfully submitted by L. Robertson, Chair.**