

Shepherdstown Tree Commission Minutes [L] [SEP]

April 8, 2021

6:00 p.m. [L]
[SEP] Town Hall [L]
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Masks and Distancing Required

1. **Members Present:** Lori Robertson – Chair, Frank Welch, James Dillon, and Marty Amerikaner.
2. **Absent:** Carrie Blessing
3. **Call to Order:** L. Robertson called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.
4. **Approval of March 2021 minutes.**
 - M. Amerikaner – move to approve the march 2021 minutes. No objections noted.**
 - F. Welch – move to approve the September 2020 minutes. No objections noted.**
5. **Visitors:** None
4. **Unfinished Business-**
 - a. Verbiage for Comprehensive Plan –input from Commission. Pending.
 - b. Tree wells – Public Works – there is one or two pending on the south side of German Street. Also, looking at Flexipave for around a few of the trees to make pedestrian/wheelchair passage more viable.
 - c. 103 W. High St –a 25-gallon \$200 Serviceberry is here and can be planted the first week of May. We will need to bag-water it
June/July/August
 - d. Monarch Way station – Ribbon Cutting July 2021 – New grant bed plants and planting update Bed Maintenance. L. Robertson to plant milkweed seeds

to the right of the stairs.

e. 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. Discuss. D. Rosen suggested another company – Viking Tree service – 304-988-5557.

f. Grant through Than Hitt – CommuniTree - many trees to be planted around town.

g. Sage Place – tree wells will need 2” maximum of mulch around the trees just along Sage Place Drive but not to include the circle. James suggested planting perenniel evergreen plugs in 2-3 years – Eastern Star Sedge. Trimming quotes from Viking and Bartlett for the fall.

h. Trees to be trimmed off of our town signs that need it. Public Works has been on this regularly.

i. Bob Hanna/Tree City– Frank to receive a tree for Tree City/Arbor Day. No decision as to where to plant it. James suggested a Sugar Maple, Wildfire Black Gum, and a Winter King Hawthorn.

j. SU hill – possibilities for planting – Viburnum winterthur or Black chockberry. Can start in the fall.

k. Devonshire Tree Removal request – Carolyn has asked about removing the trees in front of her business as pedestrians/wheelchairs have trouble getting over the sidewalk there. Lori suggested the Flexipave and she was highly receptive as the Tree Commission will not remove the trees.

5. New Business:

a. Sage Place cicada protective netting. Marty will send info to James. Netting should stay on for 5-6 weeks. Also tree bags are needed.

6. Maintenance/Misc. - Bartlett Spring 2021 -

7. Adjournment:

L. Robertson – if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 6:49 p.m. None noted.

