



Harpers Ferry

Tree Committee



Minutes for the Tree Committee Meeting
Thursday, Jan 28, 2021
Zoom meeting into Town Hall
1000 Washington Street, Harpers Ferry, West
Virginia 25425

Call to order: Meeting opened at 7:04 PM
with the following present: Tyler Mayhew,
Chair; Christy Huddle, Vice Chair; Robert Nel-
son, Recording

Election of officers Christy nominated Tyler to
continue as president. Christy was nominated to
continue as vice president. Robert was nomi-
nated to continue as secretary. Christy made a

motion to approve the nominations, Robert a second, motion approved 3-0.

Approval of Minutes for October 15, 2020: Christy moved to approve the minutes, Tyler a second, motion carried with 3-0 vote.

Old Business

1. 2020 Demonstration City Tree Grant – update: Potomac Edison took down the tree on Fillmore Street that was in danger of falling and causing problems with the power lines and the house across the street. The wood was left in place. Antietam removed the Cherry tree also on Fillmore Street for \$ 400.00

A discussion took place concerning the spraying of trees. It was suggested to discontinue because of the cost.

2. Proposed Changes to the Tree Plan and Standards previously submitted to Planning Commission – update: A ginkgo tree was added to the trees to be removed from the Landmark Trees list.

New Business

1. Annual Report to the Planning Commission / Town Council: discussion and action:

Tyler made a motion to accept the report with a second by Robert. Motion approved 3-0.

2. Projected Maintenance/Planting Needs in

FY 22: Antietam will be called to look at the trees in lower town along Washington Street. A risk assessment is needed from Antietam. Also an estimate for the Linden tree on Fillmore Street. A motion was made by Tyler to accept the assessment with a second by Christy. Motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

3. Tree Ordinance amendment regarding property owner notification of tree maintenance in public right of way: discussion and

action: Discussion took place on having to give notice to property owners when work is being done on trees on or near their property. It was suggested that this may be difficult when many of the owners are hard to contact and that it may be advantageous to request an ordinance

change. It was decided to deal with this issue at a later date – no action was taken.

4. Letters to Property Owners Regarding Hazardous Trees (on slope, south side of Washington Street, east of Columbia Street): discussion and action: Items 3 and 4 were discussed together.

5. Arbor Day celebration date: discussion and action: A date was suggested for April 24, 2021. A motion was made by Tyler with a second by Christy to accept this date. Motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

Committee Member Comments: none

Public Comment and Requests for Action on Trees: none

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Christy, second by Robert. Passed with a 3-0 vote.
Meeting adjourned 7:48 PM