

**Corporation of Harpers Ferry  
Tree Commission Meeting  
Thursday, Sept 26, 2024  
Town Hall 1000 Washington Street  
Harpers Ferry, West Virginia 25425**

**Call to Order** 7:05 PM

**Present:** Christy Huddle, Chair; Christian Pechuekonis, Vice Chair; Robert Nelson, Secretary  
**Also present:** Nena and Patrick Tierney.

**Approval of Agenda** The agenda was approved with a motion from Christian and second by Christy, 3-0

**Approval of minutes** The July 25, 2024 minutes were approved with a motion by Christy, a second by Robert, 3-0.

**Unfinished business.**

Christy gave an update on WV 2024 Demonstration City tree grant.

**New Business**

**1. Request from Nina Tierney that the diseased sugar maple on McDowell street be turned into a snag.** Discussion with Nena and Patrick Tierney. Christian moved: "With regard to the diseased sugar maple in the McDowell Street right-of-way, I move that the Tree Commission present this issue at the next regular Town Council meeting, so that the Town Council can make a determination as to whether or not the sugar maple should remain as a snag." Robert seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. Christian will fill out the form to present the motion to Town Council.

**2. Proposed requirement for Corporation of Harpers Ferry contracts for work undertaken that affects trees planted by the Tree Commission, to protect trees from harmful practices.** Christy will draw up requirements for the trees and give them to Patty Morse and Budget and Finance.

**3. Proposed measures for protecting street trees where no designated off-street parking area is provided.** Ideas presented included possible ordinance change, letters to property owners, and talking to other towns to see how this issue is handled.

**4. Proposed program to place saplings in locations deemed too difficult for larger tree plantings; program to include collecting and potting saplings for the program.** Christy gave a report on the merits of this program and how it could be done.

**Committee member comments.** Christian recommended that the Tree Commission alert the town of all problem trees (Ailanthus) and invasive species affecting tree health such as Kudzu and Bamboo.

**Public comments and public requests for action on trees.** None

**Adjournment** The meeting ended at 8:33 PM with a motion by Robert, a second by Christian. Passed  
3-0