

SPECIAL Shepherdstown Parks & Recreation Committee

Draft Minutes – January 27, 2026

Attendance: Cheryl Roberts, Chair; Marty Amerikaner, Adam Thomas. Absent: Tobi Moriarty. Visitors: Hank Walters, Joey Hafner, Maged Kirollos, and Kristie Hendricks

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Chair, C. Roberts at 11:05 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Motion by A. Thomas/Seconded by M. Amerikaner to approve agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Welcome Visitors:

- Hank Walter – Representing himself as donor of Rumsey Park improvements
- Joey Hafner – Architect, Living Outdoors
- Maged Kirollos – Town Hall Finance Director
- Kristie Hendricks – Plantings and Design Consultant

4. New Business:

a) Rumsey Park – Phase 3

With the donation by Hank Walters, Phase 1 (removal of identified overgrowth, non-invasive plants, shrubs, the addition of native plants, and exposure of the original “Quarry”) and Phase 2 (WV Swing acquisition and installation) complete, Phase 3 has been identified. Presented by Hank Walter, Joey Hafner, Kristi Hendricks, the first year of maintenance for the fall plantings by R&L Landscaping and Living Outdoors, will commence in April. Included will be the installation of a Rain Garden, just above the “Quarry” area on the south side of the monument and east of existing parking spaces. Future maintenance will be donated by Hank Walters, Shepherdstown Rotary, and the Rumseyan Society. (Attached is a copy of the blueprint.)

Also included with Phase 3 is the addition of 2 additional parking spaces to the south of existing spaces, and the acquisition and installation of a bicycle rack. The bicycle rack is within the budget for Parks & Recreation and will be the only expense of the Corporation of Shepherdstown at this point.

Originally included in Phase 3 was the removal of invasive Forsythia plants and bushes to the north of the main entrance to Rumsey Park. A local consultant advised that the Forsythia remain for the winter and spring to protect the birds, and to revisit during the summer months. In addition to their invasive nature the reason for permanently removing the Forsythia and adjacent bushes is for safety and security, leaving the area open for view versus a hiding place for intruders.

Following the above discussion, A. Thomas moved and M. Amerikaner seconded the following motion: “The Parks & Recreation Committee supports the plan presented for

Phase 3 of work to be performed at Rumsey Park, and recommends approval by Town Council.”

The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Adjournment

A motion by M. Amerikaner and seconded by A. Thomas to adjourn at 11:47 a.m. was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Cheryl Roberts, Chairperson