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Age-Friendly Shepherdstown

Nov 19, 2025

M I N U T E S

Attending: Marty Amerikaner, Marcy Bartlett, Jan Hafer, Linda Spatig

Visitor: Leigh Ann Evanson

Linda introduced Leigh Ann and then committee members unanimously approved September Minutes.

Old Business

1. Bike Route. Marty gave an update on the installation of sharrows and pole signs. We discussed the pros and cons of pole sign placements and Marty explained a map that is being developed.

Leigh Ann explained her interest in applying for Shepherdstown to become a Bike-Friendly Town that would be affiliated with the League of American Cyclists. She plans to present her ideas to the Parks and Rec Committee next week. Age-Friendly Committee members expressed support for her work and invited her to apply to be a member of the Age-Friendly Committee because this overlaps with our Action Plan.

2. Morgan's Grove Park Path. Marty announced that bids for the work on the sidewalk from town to the park will go out for bid in spring, 2026. We discussed the possibility of sending the bids out in the winter to enable work to begin with good weather in late spring. Marty agreed to check on that possibility.
3. Safety and Fall Prevention. Marcy gave a progress report on repairs completed and in progress. We discussed the possibility of removing bricks in the tree wells on German St, as those are often trip hazards. Marcy reported that the town is contracting with a company to clear snow and ice off downtown sidewalks in situations when building owners fail to do so. We discussed a recent serious fall when someone was crossing the railroad tracks on German. We discussed the possibility of installing a handrail on one side.
4. Public Transportation. Linda reported that she and Marty attended a meeting including Age-Friendly SU and EPTA to discuss the online survey results. Currently,

the idea of a university-town collaboration using EPTA campus shuttle busses is off the table. However, AFS will continue to explore the issue of transportation in and around town and we are forming a work group to explore possibilities such as purchasing a minivan.

5. Hearing Accessibility. Linda reminded the group of the upcoming public meeting to discuss the Comprehensive Plan. The meeting will not be held in Town Hall. Linda asked Marty and Marcy to ensure that the town uses equipment and processes that enable everyone to hear and participate in the meeting.

New Business

1. Revision of Action Plan. Linda reported that she will begin work on that after the holidays.
2. **Next Meeting: December 17, 1:30pm, Zoom**