



Parks, Trees, and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes October 18, 2023

Committee Present Jan Diamantine, Linda Ziedrich, Rick Barnett, Cindy Kerby, Anna Creel, and Rodney Sell.

Committee Absent City Councilor, Dave Workman

Staff Present Interim City Manager Ron Whitlatch, and Public Works Operations Manager, Jason Rush.

Call to Order Chair Barnett called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Santiam Travel Station Board Room.

Approval of Minutes The committee approved the meeting minutes from July 19, 2023.

Discussion

- City of Lebanon Update

Ciarra Keene and Jason Rush provided the City of Lebanon update:

- Completed a tree removal at 7th and Sherman, it had been trimmed by the power company which caused it to rot from the inside out. There will be no replacement of the tree due to utilities.
- A maple tree was removed from city property on the corner of Russell and Porter Street. This tree was hollowed, and a large branch had fallen, the remainder of the tree was hanging over the neighboring property causing concern for property damage. No replacement has been made.
- Park and trail garbage's are emptied daily, but due to the influx of household and houseless trash being dumped we are seeing the cans get fuller quicker and will be completing garbage rounds twice a day during the winter months.
- Signs with the new park rules have been installed at all city parks to help the Police Department enforce the current and new rules.
- A new sign was installed at Christopher Columbus Park, the old one was damaged.
- The Adopt-A-Park program has been updated and a new web page has been created.
- A rough draft of the Memorials Program was provided for review.

- Spraying of Blackberries

The city sprays blackberries to assist with the upkeep of all city grounds. The city will do what it can to not spray during the summer months when citizens would like to actively pick the berries. We can also investigate putting up permanent signage about the spraying of

the berries, product, and when they are available for picking.

- Pioneer Cemetery

The Lebanon Garden Club would like to place a dogwood tree in the cemetery, but there is currently no above ground water source. The city will determine if a service can be placed there and how to keep it locked up for only watering usage.

- Cheadle Lake Tree Damage

During brush clearing at Cheadle Lake, there was a tree that received minor damage. The tree should not be affected by this damage and will be able to recover from the damage. The departments will be talked to about being more careful while brush clearing with large machines. Large machinery is used in clearing brushes around trails to ensure we keep the trails clear in a timely manner. If individual volunteers or groups would like to trim by hand the city would welcome that.

- Cheadle Lake Project

A drawing by Udell was provided to the committee with a cost estimate that totals \$11,500,000 for the updates on the drawing. It has been requested by the city that the committee follow the intent of the grant which is accessibility improvements. There will be some SDC funds available, so there will only be approximately \$3,000,000 to \$3,500,000 available.

The funding available should focus on the development of ADA accessibility, trail frontage, stage, and parking. Once the primary requirements are met the committee can determine the best use of the remaining grounds and what is the most beneficial to the city and community.

- BLT Update – Rod / Jan

1. The Linn County Juvenile Department will be assisting BLT with a River Road clean-up on November 12th, there is no fee for BLT because they are a non-profit.
2. The Cheadle Lake Fun Run / Walk was approved for 2024.
3. Dave Workman and Linn Co. Federal Credit Union adopted the Eagle Scout Trail. They will complete work on the soft surface trail quarterly.
4. BLT has applied for several grants to assist with local project, one they have been awarded is the Lebanon Tourism Grant in the amount of \$2,500.

Next Scheduled Meeting

January 17, 2024 (2:00 – 3:30 p.m.)

Adjournment

Barnett Adjourned the meeting at 3:33 p.m.