



Parks, Trees, and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes January 15, 2025

Committee Present Jan Diamantine, Linda Ziedrich, Rodney Sell, Cindy Kerby, and City Councilor Dave Workman

Committee Absent Rick Barnett and Anna Creel

Staff Present Public Works Director, Jason Williams and Public Works Operations Manager, Jason Rush.

Call to Order Co - Chair Kerby called the meeting to order at 1:59 p.m. in the Santiam Travel Station Board Room.

Approval of Minutes The committee approved the meeting minutes from October 16, 2024, and December 18, 2024

Discussion

- City of Lebanon Update

Jason Rush provided the City of Lebanon update:

- Trees will be removed at the following locations:
 - N Williams (Birch Tree)
 - 2nd and Mary Street
 - Cheadle Lake clean-up has not happened yet.
- The city's annual tree trimming has begun.

- BLT Update – Rod / Jan

- The Linn County Planning Commission approved BLT's conditional use permit for the Georgia Pacific Old Mill Trail, appeals are still possible.
- BLT has noticed an increase in camping along the trails and near parks along with vandalism.
- BLT had a successful workday removing ivy from approximately 30 trees along where the West River Trail Extension will be going.
- Another workday will be taking place on the second Saturday in February. This will be a cleanup day along with tree planting and sign installation at Gills Landing.
- Ziedrich asked for an update regarding BLT's recent request to have fees waived for their event at Cheadle Lake, Williams stated all appeals must go to City Council during public comment.

- Cheadle Lake Park Development

Brian Vandetta created an updated drawing which included feedback received from the last few Parks, Trees, and Trails Committee meetings. Williams stated there is still additional refinement that needs to be completed, and Vandetta would like additional input from the committee. The current focus is the stage, roadway built out on Weirich Drive, the multi-use path, access road, utilities, and the restroom in the front of park. The cost estimate is being completed so we can determine how many parts of the project can be completed in this phase. Currently it is planned for construction to begin immediately following the Strawberry Festival, no reservations will be available for the remainder of the year.

Comments included:

- Removal of bushes lining the back of the seating area
 - Pads for concession stands have power
 - Lighting along paths.
 - Camp host location, possibly by storage containers
- **Public Comments**

Public comments were made by Thad Nelson, but the audio system did not pick up the questions that were asked.

Next Scheduled Meeting

February 19, 2025 (2:00 – 3:30 p.m.)

Adjournment

Cindy Kerby Adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.