



CITY OF SWEET HOME PARKS & TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 19, 2026, 4:00 PM

3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, OR 97386

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Mission Statement

The City of Sweet Home will work to build an economically strong community with an efficient and effective local government that will provide infrastructure and essential services to the citizens we serve. As efficient stewards of the valuable assets available, we will be responsive to the community while planning and preparing for the future.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM

Roll Call of Park and Tree Committee Members:

PRESENT

Chair Matthew Bechtel
Vice Chair Lena Tucker
Member Debra Northern
Member Deena Bechtel
Member Melanie Jones
Member Scott Swanson
Councilor Aaron Hegge

ABSENT

Member Nancy Patton

STAFF

Angela Clegg, Planning & Building Manager
Dominic Valloni, Public Works Operations Manager
Sean Hegge, Crew Lead: Facilities and Parks
Adam Leisinger, Special Projects Manager

GUESTS

Candice Snyder, Beautification Committee

Time Reports

Time reports from the Arbor Day event were turned in.

Meeting Minutes

- a) 2026-04-21 Park & Tree Committee Meeting Minutes
A motion to approve March 18, 2026, Park & Tree Committee Meeting Minutes with revisions was made by Member Northern and seconded by Member Tucker. The motion carried by the following vote:
AYE: Chair Matthew Bechtel, Vice Chair Tucker, Member Northern, Member Swanson, Member Jones, Member Deena Bechtel

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NAY: None
ABSENT: Member Patton

Public Comment.

None

Beautification Committee Update

Candy Snyder provided meeting minutes to the Park & Tree Committee.

The Beautification Committee had a table at the Arbor Day event, where they handed out donated seed packets and raffled off a flower basket.

Candy Snyder shared that plants were delivered from Bowman Farms. Including 32 City baskets and 1575 potted petunias in red, white, and night sky. Planting took place today, there were a total of 28 volunteers, 19 of which were new volunteers. Entry points are scheduled for planting tomorrow.

Old Business

Blooms & Brews/Arbor Day After Action Report

A survey was sent to all vendors; all feedback was positive.

Sankey Park Phase III Update

Manager Valloni shared that concrete should be finished on Thursday, following that the contractor will be back next week to back fill sidewalks. Light poles are about two weeks out still and handrails are being made.

Discussion was had on vegetation for the hillside to help with erosion control.

Monthly Park Clean Up Schedule

Discussion was had, and June 10th was chosen to clean up Clover Park.

New Business

Tree Inventory - Manager Clegg recommended including with your park maintenance days & focus on EAB prone species. Vice Chair Lena Tucker was working on the tree inventory. Manager Clegg suggested getting the other members of the committee familiar with the tree inventory system.

Master Tree List - Vice Chair Lena Tucker is working on the master tree list; she has a rough draft prepared and will work on finalizing it.

Round Table Discussions (Committee comments about topics not listed on the agenda)

Vice Chair Lena Tucker shared costs for different SWAG items to hand out at events.

Manager Clegg shared the grant was received but the exercise park can't move forward with anything else until new fiscal year. Staff started to clear some underbrush at Quarry Park to prepare for the disc golf designer to be on site around September.

Staff are working on quotes to see about refurbishing the tennis courts at Northside Park as well as a grant opportunity to supplement what the junior high interact club is trying to do at the skate park.

Movies in the park starts June 12th with Zootopia 2

Crew lead Hegge and Manager Valloni shared that six EAB traps have been received from ODF and will be set out at the end of the month. Discussion was had on the EAB.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 PM