



CITY OF SWEET HOME PARKS AND TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 20, 2024, 8:30 AM
Santiam Conference Room
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.

Meeting Information

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Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM

Roll Call of Park and Tree Committee Members:

PRESENT

Matthew Bechtel
Lena Tucker
Wally Shreves
Bob Dalton
Nancy Patton
Debra Northern
Councilor Dave Trask

ABSENT

Scott Swanson

STAFF

Angela Clegg, Planning & Building Manager
Greg Springman, Public Works Director
Adam Leisinger, Special Projects Manager

Time Reports

Chairman Shreves asked the Committee to turn any time reports into Manager Clegg.

Meeting Minutes

a) 2024-10-16 Park & Tree Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the October 16, 2024 meeting minutes was made by Bechtel, seconded by Dalton.

The location of the meeting is accessible to the disabled. If you have a disability that requires accommodation, advanced notice is requested by notifying the City Manager's Office at 541-367-8969.

Voting yea: Wally Shreeves, Lena Tucker, Matthew Bechtel, Debra Northern, Nancy Patton, Bob Dalton

Voting Nay: 0

Absent: Scott Swanson

Public Comment. None

Old Business

Beautification Committee Update: None

Weddle Bridge / Mill City Outreach: Shreeves and Tucker will plan a trip to Mill City to meet with them about their bridge campaign.

December Meeting Priorities: Manager Clegg informed the Committee of their charter requirement to discuss the budget in the December. She reminded them to align their priorities with the approved Parks Master Plan. Clegg will send another copy of the master plan to the Committee to review.

Scorched Trees: Tucker discussed the various tree around Sweet Home that were scorched. They will continue to monitor the trees through the spring. Tucker gave an update on nursery inventory. Manager Clegg stated that staff will get together and discuss if the trees are in the budget.

New Business

Celebration Tree Replacements: Manager Clegg discussed the costs that Tucker sent out. Tucker gave an update and recommendations. Dalton mentioned having a tree sponsoring program. Tucker suggested that the committee request a certain amount of park funds be dedicated to tree replacement/arbor day trees each year. Tucker discussed tree maintenance with public works and recommended planting trees in winter and not waiting until spring. Tucker also recommended watering bags to help avoid scorching.

Plaza Cherry Trees: Tucker stated that there is a potential donation. She stated that 3 more trees could fit in the plaza. Councilor Trask stated that he would donate a tree after the first of the year. Tucker would like to get with public works before planting trees to make sure they are planting them in locations ideal for watering and sunlight.

Arbor Day Event: Shreeves recommended April 26th for the Arbor Day City event. Manager Clegg asked where the committee would like to hold the event. It was decided to hold it in Sankey Park. Shreeves asked about Phase III construction happening during the event. Manager Clegg gave an update on the design schedule. The Committee would like to combine Arbor Day with Kid to Park Day. They decided on the same time as the 2024 event.

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

Patton asked about the Emerald Ash Borer. Tucker gave an update.

Shreeves discussed sunflowers in the median. Shreeves recommended planting a rogue flower again. The community seems to rally around the flowers.

Patton asked about the Sankey Park Grant. Manager Clegg gave an update.

Bechtel asked about cleaning up Quarry Park. He said he would like to clean it up, but was wondering about trash vouchers. Manager Leisinger told Bechtel to check with the code compliance officer to see if there is still a voucher program.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 AM

The Sweet Home Park and Tree Committee welcomes your interest in these agenda items. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, this agenda includes a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting; however, the Committee may consider additional subjects as well. This meeting is open to the public and interested citizens are invited to attend.

If you have questions, please contact the Community and Economic Development Department at 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home, Oregon 97386; Phone: (541) 367-8113.