



# CITY OF SWEET HOME PARKS AND TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 18, 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.

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## 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

Scott Swanson  
Matthew Bechtel  
Lena Tucker  
Wally Shreves  
Nancy Patton  
Debra Northern

### ABSENT

Bob Dalton

### STAFF

Angela Clegg, Planning & Building Manager  
Adam Leisinger, Special Project Manager  
Sean Hegge, Crew Lead, Facilities & Parks  
Greg Springman, Public Works Director  
Dominic Valloni, Operations Manager

## Time Reports

Chairman Shreves asked the Committee to turn in all time reports to Manager Clegg.

**Public Comment.** None

## **Old Business**

Beautification Committee Update: Manager Clegg informed the Committee that she touched base with Patty Holk.

Weddle Bridge/Mill City Outreach: Shreves gave an update on his progress. He is working on scheduling a meeting. Manager Clegg informed the Committee that the Rotary Club is interested in supporting the bridge campaign when it kicks off. She and Shreves presented to Rotary and focused on the bridge needs. Shreves gave a history of the bridge's name. Manager Clegg gave an update on the engineering work needing to be done. Bechtel asked who makes decisions about renaming. Shreves states that the Committee can make a recommendation to City Council.

Arbor Day Event: Shreves reminded the Committee that it will be held on April 26th. Manager Clegg will verify that there is enough funding for tree purchases.

2025/2026 Priorities:

Sankey Park Phase III

42nd & Osage: Staff informed the Committee that the project is on hold until there is funding for the infrastructure. The Committee recommends reaching out to neighborhood about the project pause.

City Hall Park: Rough work starting in spring. Shreve asked if the playground equipment was still being donated. Manager Clegg stated that she will have to check.

Work on existing parks: Northside Park water access; Ashbrook Park updates for aging equipment; Strawberry Park development; Clover Park trees, benches and redesign the old fountain; Evergreen Park trees; pocket parks; South Hills trail; Hobart trails.

Nature play areas. Not putting playgrounds in every park.

Signage and Wayfinding: branded so they are all the same size, shape, font, etc.

Park map updates.

## **New Business**

Ames Creek Project: Manager Clegg informed the Committee that there will be a DEQ riparian project in partnership with the South Santiam Watershed Council.

Sankey Park Phase III: Manager Clegg gave an update.

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

Chairman Shreves and Patton gave kudos to Public Works for all their work in the parks.

The Committee thanked Councilor Trask for his involvement as the Park & Tree Committee liaison.

Tucker asked about the Tree City USA application. Manager Clegg gave an update.

Fruit trees: sugar city gleaners will come harvest the fruit trees. Staff can reach out to the gleaners when the fruit starts to attract pests. There was a suggestion to send out a message to let citizens know that they can harvest fruit on public property.

Chairman Shreves informed Public Works that they would like to get the High School students again this year to assist with a park project.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM