



CITY OF SWEET HOME PARKS & TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 21, 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 4:01 PM

Roll Call of Park and Tree Committee Members:

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Member Deena Bechtel

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

None.

Time Reports

Chairman Bechtel turned in a report from the Sankey Park workday.

Meeting Minutes

a) 2026-03-18 Park & Tree Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the March 18, 2026, Park & Tree Committee Meeting Minutes with revisions was made by Member Northern and seconded by Member Patton. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: Member Bechtel, Vice Chair Tucker, Member Northern, Member Patton, Member Swanson
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Member Jones
ABSENT: Member Deena Bechtel

Public Comment.

None.

Beautification Committee Update

Member Jones gave an update.

The Lolli-pop pots have been stored and will be available to use next year. They have met a couple times to weed the medians; flowers are scheduled to be delivered May 18th. Planting on the medians will take place May 19th followed by Highway 228, Fern ridge, and Clover park on May 20th.

The Beatification Committee will have a table at the Arbor Day event, with a sign up for more volunteers. They are also looking into an appreciation coffee possibly for Friday, May 1st.

Old Business

Blooms & Brews Festival

Manager Clegg reminded the Committee that the festival is scheduled for Saturday, April 25th at Sankey Park. She reviewed the event set-up plan and explained how parking will be managed. She also requested that, once it is determined which members will be bringing supplies—and that no more than two cars will be used, she can then send vendor information and a map to those members.

Discussion was had about Member Tucker bringing potted plants to their booth to send home with people.

Sankey Park Phase III

Manager Clegg provided an update, with photos of the construction progress. Member Patton asked about the seating. Manager Clegg stated that there would not be amphitheater seating, and due to the cost, that portion had to be redesigned. There will however be two landings.

Member Patton asked if the wood that was harvested from the park would be used for the band stand. Manager Clegg informed the committee that the wood is being refurbished by public works for picnic tables and benches.

New Business

Budget

Member Patton shared that she had collected \$300 for the pie contest and expressed the desire to have the pie contest as part of the annual budget. Manager Clegg clarified that Park & Tree Committee doesn't have a budget. Any purchasing for trees, park maps, etc. fall under the responsibility of staff. She also explained that the pie contest is a fundraiser for Parks and money made from that is to go back into the parks. Member Bechtel asked if they could go to the budget committee to ask for a budget. Manager Clegg advised that that would be a question for the City Manager and Deputy City Mangager.

Member Patton inquired about the necessity for permission and approval to have the City Park and Tree Logo printed on shirts for the committee. Manager Leisinger informed the committee that there is City code and policy that regulates the use of logos. Manager Leisinger also advised that this would be a question for the City Manager and Deputy City Mangager. He also shared that budget committee is having a public meeting taking place next week, April 29th and 30th, and encouraged anyone who can attend.

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

Member Jones proposed creating a consistent schedule for monthly park clean ups with the hope that they can gain more volunteers and community involvement in the parks. Manager Clegg added that is a schedule with time and locations is agreed on it can be added to the calendar on the city website.

Discussion began about choosing a park for May. Member Swanson suggested choosing a time and day that would allow more of the public to be able to volunteer, such as a Saturday morning. Member Bechtel opened discussion about getting the youth of the community more involved. Member Swanson suggested reaching out to Mr. Rosa at the High School about coordinating a volunteer opportunity with their May Week.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM