



CITY OF SWEET HOME PARKS & TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 16, 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

Roll Call of Park and Tree Committee Members:

PRESENT

Chair Matthew Bechtel
Vice Chair Lena Tucker
Member Deena Bechtel
Member Melanie Jones
Member Debra Northern (4:06 PM)
Councilor Aaron Hegge

ABSENT

Member Scott Swanson

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: Chair Bechtel turned in time reports to staff.

Meeting Minutes

- a) 2026-05-19 Park & Tree Committee Meeting Minutes
A motion to approve May 19, 2026, Park & Tree Committee Meeting Minutes was made by Member Jones and seconded by Member Tucker. The motion carried by the following vote:

YEA: Member Jones, Chair Matthew Bechtel, Member Deena Bechtel, Vice Chair Tucker
Nay: None
Absent: Member Swanson, Member Northern

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Public Comment.

None

Beautification Committee Update

Candy provided a copy and summarized the Beautification Meeting Minutes. She gave an update on the flowers and possible predation at Shea Point. She discussed adding more perennials at Shea Point. The Beautification Committee will be changing their weeding schedules to Wednesdays for the next 3 months.

Old Business

Sankey Park Phase III Update

Crew Lead Hegge gave an update on the project. He informed them that the ground has been hydroseeded, concrete is done, railings are being installed, and light poles are installed. We are waiting on engineering plans for the bandstand.

Monthly Park Clean Up Report/Schedule

Chair Bechtel gave a report. The Committee worked in Cover Park and stated there were an abundance of crabapples. These were added to the tree inventory. Vice Chair Tucker stated the Committee could do more work in partnership with Public Works. There is a need for power tools for some areas.

Next parks - Ashbrook Park at 9:00 AM on July 16th. Strawberry Park at 9:00 AM on August 14th.

Misc. Park Updates

Vice Chair Tucker asked about garden plots at Strawberry Park. Manager Leisinger gave an update.

New Business

Donated Funds Allocation

Manager Clegg reported the following allocations: 10.09.23 Pie Bake-Off Proceeds \$329 to Phase III match; 07.17.25 Cut the Gut donations \$3.62 to Phase III match; 10.08.24 Pie Bake-Off Proceeds \$365 to Phase III match; 04.08.25 Arbor Day Donations \$19 to Phase III match; 04.27.26 Blooms & Brews Fundraiser \$92 to Phase III match; 2026 \$350 various donors for Pie Bake Off; Total for Phase III Match \$808.62; and Total for 2026 Pie Bake Off \$350.00.

Chair Bechtel asked if there is an option to include donations on the online payment portal. Staff stated that they would check with the financial manager.

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

Vice Chair Tucker reported that the tree inventory software now includes EAB information.

Crew Lead Hegge reported on the 6 EAB trap locations.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 PM