



**City of Poulsbo
Poulsbo Tree Board
Poulsbo City Hall
Meeting Minutes**

Subject	Regular Meeting Minutes	Date	Sept. 11, 2017
Recorder	Mary McCluskey	Start Time	7:00 pm
Committee Chair	Bill Lockard	End time	8:25 pm
Committee Members Present	Jenise Bauman, Bess Bronstein, Janet Brown, Joan Hett, Gayle Larson, Jim Leary, Bill Lockard		
Staff Present	Mary McCluskey, Parks and Recreation; Joe Walker, Kris Watson, Public Works; Guest - Terri Jones, US Navy Arborist; Patrick Wakefield, local arborist		

Agenda		
No.	Topic	Action/Recommendation/Discussion
1.	Administrative	
A.	Questions & Concerns of the Committee	None
B.	Agenda and Extended Agenda Review	Bill asked for a status on the Centennial Park/Tree ID signage.
C.	Approval of Minutes: 05/09/2017	M/S/A JH/GL
2.	Comments from Citizens	None
3.	Agenda items	
A.	Terri Jones, Navy Forester	Jenise Bauman introduced Terri Jones, Navy Forester. Terri is a City resident who has been mentoring WWU students. She is a forester for the Western/Midwest Navy areas. Bangor and Indian Island demand much of her time. She covers many forestry areas including evaluating hazard trees, making properties aesthetically pleasing, saving trees, working with utility corridors, minimizing impacts to trees, and determining selective tree harvest to create vertical diversity. One problem that they have found is that some maples make good instrument wood, so there is tremendous theft of these trees. She manages approximately 25-30k acres. She is working to maintain old trees along Officer's Lane in Bremerton. There are urban conditions on bases. She also works on forest fire management and vegetation surveys. Mary asked about her impressions of trees in

		Poulsbo. She would like to see more green spaces, control of invasive species, and interface with fire management. A good tree cover controls invasives and reduces susceptibility to fire. She would also like to see more City support to HOAs, and wishes that the City had a more thorough wetland survey.
B.	Financial Report	Mary passed out the monthly report. About 41% of the budget has been expended. There are at least 3 hazard trees that need to be removed this fall. Bess also suggested training another employee to be ISA certified; or send Kris Watson to the upcoming ISA conference in Lynnwood. Joe will put together a list of tools needed.
C.	Field Partner Request - Forterra	Tree Board members reviewed the Evergreen Carbon Capture program again, and still have concerns. Some felt that the reporting was a bit much. There appears to be a lack of control of species and time of year for planting is not the best in the northwest. Planting 15' on center with up to 50% mortality is mediocre at best. The City has done a good job planting trees and Fish Park and Wilderness Park over the past few years. Board members feel that the City already operates differently than the Forterra guidelines. The Board would like to talk with some other partner cities to see how it has worked for them. What have been the results? Bess proposes that we do not do it this year, and invite them to come talk to board in the future. Motion approved (BB/GL).
D.	Subcommittee Reports	Education. Bess has set up two programs for this fall: Oct. 10 Recognizing Tree Hazards (2 registered); and Oct. 22 Autumn Tree Walk (3 registered). Events. The Board would like to be involved in Salmon Tours again on November 4.
E.	Status of Tree ID signs.	Joe reported that the posts are ready to go, but need some moisture in the ground to drive the posts. It will be done later this fall.
Department Reports		
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A.	City Arborist	Not available.
B.	Public Works	Joe introduced Kris Watson, who is the City's ISA certified arborist. He makes day to day decisions and performs maintenance on tree needs. Joe reported that they have been using a better watering truck tank this summer. The trees are stressed but doing okay. The Hidden Cove Apts at the south border of Nelson Park wants a row of alder trees removed before they fall on the apartments. Kevin looked at them 4 years ago and did not have concerns. He will take a look again. A

		resident on Hostmark St wants a leaner removed from Wilderness Park. This tree is actually on St. Olaf's Catholic Church property, and recommended that the neighbor call St. Olaf's. There is one fir tree in Waterfront Park to be removed due to storm damage, as well as a leaner in American Legion Park. Kris reported that a Bay tree in Centennial Park was damaged (vandalism or accident) and the top needed to be cut off.
C.	Parks & Recreation	Mary reported that a neighbor on Fjord Dr. is complaining that the cottonwoods at Net Shed Vista have really grown and he would like to see them windowed again. Because these trees are on a critical slope and shoreline, there is little that can be done.
5.	Misc. Board Comments	Bill noted that he did not know that the Arbor Day Foundation has a "Tree Campus USA" program.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Mary McCluskey