

Poulsbo Tree Board – 2020 annual report

2020 Tree Board Members included:

Chair Jenise Bauman

Joan Hett

Bess Bronstein

Janet Brown

Jim Leary

Gayle Larson

Terri Jones



City Arborist Kevin McFarland

Public Works Foreman Joe Walker

City Arborist and Public Works Activities:

The arborist conducted a variety of hazard tree assessments, recommendations and removals.

Public Works continues to take excellent care of day-to-day trees matters and pruning issues. The Tree Board allotted funding for tools as needed by the Public Works staff.

Public Outreach, Education, Events and Volunteer Activities:

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, there were fewer public outreach opportunities. The city earned its Tree City USA designation for the 24th year.

Educational Classes: Tree Board members have done a wonderful job sharing information and knowledge about trees, but due to Covid19, only the outdoor pruning classes were held in March 2020. Tree Board members offered some Zoom classes, but few people signed up for them (Sept-Nov).

The City received a 2019 **grant from the DNR/Urban and Community Forestry Division**. This grant provided for the purchase of 17 different trees to be added to the Centennial Park Arboretum. Western Wa Universite student Payton R. took the lead on “digitizing” these trees in the park by connecting the tree identification signs with the tree information. 13 trees were planted in 2019, and the final 4 were planted in April 2020 by a small group of Tree Board members due to Covid19. A brochure was created, and two boxes in the park are stocked with the brochure and map of the trees. This project was completed.



Arbor Day Tree Planting in April was postponed to November due to the pandemic. In partnership with Puget Sound Energy. The Tree Board worked with students from WWU and Olympic College to plant 3 Douglas firs and another 50 plants and shrubs. The ongoing partnership with WWU and OC



11-21-2020 City Arborist Kevin and Dan



Tree Board and Puget Sound Energy



Planting lesson with the City Arborist



WWU students planting at Fish Park

One member introduced the concept of **wildfires** and what homeowners can do to protect their homes and property. This item will be further discussed in 2021 (November).

The Tree Board paid for a seasonal employee to stay on payroll to **water the newer trees at Centennial Park** (Sept-Oct).

Orca Recovery Day was held at Poulsbo’s Fish Park in October. About 30 volunteers removed noxious weeds and planted trees, plants and shrubs.



The City also had some large capital projects where landscaping and trees played a major role. This included the Finn Hill Rd share use path, Liberty Bay Bioretention Project, Poulsbo Middle School creek area, and the South Fork Dogfish Creek Restoration project, behind the Public Works site:

