

Colville City Tree Board, October 25, 2017
Next meeting Thursday November 16, 4pm, Colville City Hall

Present: Tree Board Members Larry Cressey, Eleanor Mattice, Kathy Ahlenslager (note-taker); Mayor Lou Janke; Public Works Director Jeff Cochran; Head of Parks and Recreation Jillian Marshall; City Councilwoman Anne Lawson; and interested member of public Madonna Jones.

Table 1. Documents shared by Janke.

ORDINANCES	PURPOSE
2000 August 22, Ordinance #1211 N.S., An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #1209 N.S. Establishing a City Tree Board.	Terms of Office added to ordinance establishing Tree Board.
2000 August 8, Ordinance #1209 N.S., An Ordinance Establishing a City Tree Board Including Provisions for Membership and Responsibilities.	Establishes Tree Board.
1999 April 27, Ordinance #1186 N.S., An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #840 N.S., Title 12 of the Colville Municipal Code, Relating to Planting Trees in Public Rights-of-Way.	Planting trees in public rights-of-way deemed misdemeanor.
1999 March 18, Memorandum Regarding Colville Municipal Code Section 12.16.020 (Ordinance #840 N.S.), Planting Trees in Public Right-of-Way.	Planting trees in public rights-of-way deemed misdemeanor.
1989 March, Municipal Code Section 12.16.020. Chapter 12.16, Trees.	Planting trees in public rights-of-way deemed misdemeanor. Cottonwood or poplar trees not to be planted. Trimming overhanging trees is property owner's duty; abatement by city; collection of cost for abatement.
1988 November 22, Ordinance #1003 N.S., An Ordinance Relating to Chapter 12.16 of the Colville Municipal Code Entitled: Trees.	Cottonwood or poplar trees are not to be planted. Trimming overhanging trees is property owner's duty.
1980 October 28, Ordinance #840 N.S., An Ordinance Prohibiting Planting of Trees on Street or Alley Right of Ways.	Unlawful to plant or allow the planting of any tree within the dedicated street or alley right-of-way or any street or alley right-of-way easement. Guilty of violating is a misdemeanor.
PLANS	
2017. Draft Tree Management Implementation Plan, Yep Kanum Park.	Gives direction to implement 2017 Yep Kanum Tree Management Plan.
2005 November 30. A Comprehensive Community Forestry Management Plan for the City of Colville, WA.	Inventory, management plan and location maps for 234 street trees.
2001 November 15. City of Colville Tree Board, Tree City Plan.	Charts direction and focus for tree maintenance, while promoting a long-term proactive work strategy.

Table 2. Meeting notes--thank a tree with every breath.

Item	Discussion or Status	Action
MISCELLANEOUS		
Documents in Table 1	Tree Board will review documents, identify needs, and present these to City Council.	Discuss at Nov. 16 th Tree Board meeting.
Tree City USA	Four areas of compliance: have a tree board, a city tree ordinance, annual Arbor Day observation, and spend at least \$2/capita on a community forestry program. Bergquist submits an annual report to Tree City USA.	Bergquist sent Ahlenslager 2016 report.
2018 grant opportunity	The Small Community Forestry Assistance Grant is an opportunity to fund an inventory, and develop maintenance and/or management plans.	Janke will ask Lawson if she would write a proposal.
Free tree management advice	There's a group that provides free advice on tree management issues. Melissa at DNR knows them. Lawson has their contact information.	Lawson will provide contact information to Tree Board.
Education	Lawson suggested developing a tree care brochure for home and business owners.	
Arbor Day	Janke suggested tree plantings on city land by the water tank on Graham Hill and new tank at the top of Birch Street.	
Visibility	Recruit Tree Board members and increase visibility in the community.	
PARK TREES, Marshall is responsible: Yep Kanum, Keller House Museum, Angus McDonald, Vaagen's, Rotary Field, and Dominion.		
Yep Kanum	Need tree inventory. From Chris Loggers, Oct. 26th: numbered tags are on a few trees. Loggers plans to update his GIS map of the trees this winter.	Ahlenslager checked with Loggers.
Yep Kanum	Part of grant for the park was to install tree and shrub identification signs. The Colville National Forest funded 21 signs, which will be installed forestry class students at Colville High School.	Ahlenslager is coordinating.
Yep Kanum	Marshall is responsible for watering and spraying weeds for the street trees on the south boundary of the park. Cochran is responsible for their maintenance and pruning.	
Keller House Museum	Cressey identified 2 leaning trees for removal. Other trees need pruning. Janke will propose inclusion of cost for this work in 2018 budget.	Cressey will write a letter of support for Janke's proposal.
Rotary Field and Angus McDonald	Rotary Field has no trees and is only an open field. Angus McDonald has five trees. Consider planting trees in these.	
STREET TREES, Cochran is responsible.		
2005 Community Forestry Management Plan	Need to update 2005 inventory and health assessment. Tree Board requested a complete set of maps for the 234 street trees in this plan.	Janke will ask Brian in GIS.
Business owners	Business owners are concerned that street tree roots provide walking hazards from buckling sidewalks, are messy, and obscure signs. Do these trees need maintenance and pruning?	Follow-up at Nov. Tree Board meeting.

Hawthorn Street	Janke found that a gel was planted with the trees to aid in their initial year of hydration. The surfaces of the plantings are a mix of weeds, soil and wood chips with plastic caps.	
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