

Colville City Tree Board (TB), November 16, 2017  
**Next meeting Thursday December 14, 4pm, Colville City Hall**

**Discuss tree ordinances of other cities and report on Action items in Table 2.**

Present: Tree Board Members Eleanor Mattice, Steve Pietrogurgo, Dean Fischer, Kathy Ahlenslager (note-taker); City Councilwoman Anne Lawson and alternate Chris Loggers.

**Table 1. Guiding documents.**

<b>ORDINANCES</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>
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 <b>Amending Ordinance #840</b> 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 <u>Municipal Code</u> 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, <u>Municipal Code</u> 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.
<b>PLANS</b>	
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.
<b>NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN</b>	
<b>Six City Parks</b> = Yep Kanum, Keller House Museum, Angus McDonald, Vaagen's, Rotary Field, Dominion and Memorial Tree Park.	

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

Item	Discussion or Status	ACTION
Coordination	Ahlenlager: all documents in Table 1 will be copied for the new Tree Board members and a set will reside in a TB folder at the City Clerk's office for future copying needs. Jillian Marshall (park trees) and Jeff Cochran (street trees) will receive meeting notes and agendas prior to meetings.	<b>Ahlenlager:</b> Clerk's Office completed, 11/17/2017.
For Consideration	Lawson: would like a management plan and better care for city street and park trees, public education on the benefits of trees, and the \$2/capita spent on trees and not just picking up leaves. Jim Flott (arborist) trained city employees to prune trees a few years ago and they did a good job. Steve with Northwest Tree Services told the city they were planting the wrong tree species on Main St. and was ignored.	
Pamphlets	Fischer: has previously served on the Tree Board (TB) and shared two pamphlets, a guide for proper tree care (was included with utility bill) and one on the Memorial Tree Park (was a city hall counter hand-out). Consider including a message in utility bills about the current tree board.	<b>Fischer:</b> How many of these pamphlets are there? TB: suggest ideas as to how to use them.
Grant	Lawson: submitted and shared a Letter of Intent for the DNR Small Community Forestry Assistance Grant, which would update the 2005 street tree inventory and health assessment Master Street Tree Plan with revised list of species appropriate for planting as street trees for \$19,762. We would like to address concerns of business owners, as some would like to cut trees and start over. Wynn St. trees are pushing up sidewalks.	
2005 Street Tree Inventory	Pietroburgo: can we get a list or map showing the tree species and its health rating at each location? Ahlenlager: RJ Keech said that intern Brian Scott has that and will be back to work in early January. From Oct. meeting: Need to update 2005 inventory and health assessment. Tree Board requested a complete set of maps for the 234 street trees in this plan from Janke.	<b>January:</b> contact Scott.
Heritage Court	Loggers: A draft plan to tie fairgrounds with downtown, includes a large tree. We may need a list of appropriate shrubs to plant also.	
Yep Kanum	Ahlenlager: what is the status of implementation items included in the Draft Tree Management Implementation Plan? Loggers: Ron Frostad and Loggers will GPS all the trees this winter with a survey grade unit, resulting in a list of trees and their diameters. Ahlenlager: Six Colville High School students from the forestry class or FFA with teacher Ivy Nelsom installed 23 tree or shrubs identification signs.	<b>Ahlenlager:</b> check status with Jillian Marshall.
Budget	Pietroburgo: perhaps the TB's job is to remind the city to maintain and care for trees. What is the cost of this work? To keep the Tree City USA status the city must spend \$2/capita on their tree program. City leaf pick-up is mostly from private trees. Lawson: in 2018 the city is using lodging tax funding to remove two leaning	

	ponderosa pines from Keller House Park. (\$10,000 for tree maintenance). Flott observed that leaners don't necessarily have to be cut. The 2019-2020 budget will be presented in Oct. and finalized in Dec. TB needs to be engaged in budget cycle.	
City Tree Ordinance	Ahlenslager: the ordinances in place address overhead branches, and right-of-ways and cottonwood planting. Flott's 2005 plan includes components of tree ordinances and needs he observed.	<b>TB:</b> all will look for good examples and email members or bring to Dec. meeting.
Tree City USA	Ahlenslager: Theresa Berquist just submitted the 2017 report for the city. Colville has had this status every year, except 2009, since 2000.	
Colville Mountain	Pietroburgo: since this is city land, does the TB advise on it, as the vegetation would benefit from a burn?	
<b>From October meeting, not reported on at November meeting.</b>		
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.	<b>Cressey</b> will write a letter of support for Janke's proposal.
Free Tree Management Advice	There's a group that provides free advice on tree management issues. Melissa Fisher at DNR knows them. Lawson has their contact information.	<b>Lawson</b> will provide contact information to Tree Board.
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.	<b>Janke</b> will ask Brian Scott.
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.	
<b>Suggestions from October Meeting; good thoughts, not to lose.</b>		
Education	Lawson: suggested developing a tree care brochure for home and business owners.	
Arbor Day	Lou Janke: suggested tree plantings on city land by the water tank on Graham Hill and new tank at the top of Birch Street.	
Visibility	Increase visibility in the community.	
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.	

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