

Colville City Tree Board (TB), December 14, 2017
Next meeting Thursday January 25, 4pm, Colville City Hall

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

Item	Discussion or Status	ACTION
Tree Planting Proposal	<p>Fischer invited Colville High School student Brandon Hull to present his proposal for planting trees to beautify the city. Fischer moved and Pietrogurgo seconded to support Hull in planting trees in areas that might include the south end of town by Mobile Ranch Estates along Highway 395, south end of Wynn Street, truck by-pass, fairgrounds or City reservoir at the top of Birch Street. Unanimously passed. Fischer will be the TB liaison.</p> <p>From Fischer email: I spoke to Jeff Long of the Street Dept. about potential costs. His recall or assumption was \$400-500 for tree costs and another \$ 50-100 for labor. He suggested if we (the tree board) could find appropriate trees at a better price he would be all for planting them.</p> <p>They (the street dept.) have purchased the trees from Daniels Nursery. I reviewed Daniels Retail sales and their most expensive tree is around \$300 with a 3-4 inch caliper. The 2-inch calipers are in the \$200 range. I did not crosscheck to see if they had trees that the Board has previously approved of.</p>	Hull will identify ownership of land at the Mobile Ranch Estates.
City Tree Ordinance	At this point, the TB did not see a need to work on a tree ordinance. Tree City USA accepts our current ordinances as adequate. Table 1 below (from Ahlenslager) shows components of tree ordinances from the Tree City USA website and those from Colville's tree ordinances.	
TB Mission	Fischer offered a Mission Statement for TB review and comments. See below Appendix 1.	Discuss at Jan. meeting.
TB Annual Plan	Pietrogurgo: do we need to have an annual plan? Was this requirement included in an ordinance or plan?	Jan. meeting
Yep Kanum	Ahlenslager met with Jillian Marshall, who is working through the 2017 list of maintenance recommendations.	
Downtown Street Trees	Ahlenslager walked downtown with Ryke Dahlen to listen to his thoughts regarding street trees. The trees are larger than what was planned, their crowns block business signs and roots are lifting sidewalks. The accumulation of leaves from Main Street maples is unattractive. He prefers small trees with small leaves. Some businesses have replaced trees with planters. Over on Wynn Street Ahlenslager noticed a thick solid surface of locust tree leaves on sidewalks.	
2005 Community Forestry Management Plan	Ahlenslager has a complete set of maps for the 234 street trees in this plan, if anyone wants to see them.	
Historic and Heritage Trees	Arbor Day in Washington State is observed the 2 nd Wednesday in April and nationally on the last Friday in April. The Spokane Tree	

	Board website includes nominations from the public for historic or heritage trees. For visibility and education Ahlenslager moved and Fischer seconded to solicit nominations for trees with stories (history/heritage), resulting in a newspaper article for Arbor Day and perhaps a flyer/brochure about the trees. Passed unanimously. Fischer is the lead. Ideas to advertise for nominations include utility bill insert (when is the next insert?), social media, Chamber of Commerce newsletter, Statesman-Examiner, Silverado, the Monthly, and Stevens Co. Historical Museum website.	
From October meeting, status not reported at November/December meetings.		
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.
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.	Lawson will provide contact information to Tree Board.
Suggestions from October Meeting; good thoughts, not to lose.		
Education	Lawson: suggested developing a tree care brochure for home and business owners.	
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.	

APPENDIX 1. From Fischer for discussion at the Jan. Tree Board meeting:

Here are four questions that I believe the Board should address in their Mission Statement.

What do we do?

For whom do we represent/serve or present these opportunities to?

Why do we do this?

What benefits are to be gained?

I submit here my humble attempt to speak to those questions:

Trees are a symbol of Washington State and the Great Northwest - signifying strength, power and abundance. Trees provide numerous human physiological and psychological health benefits, offer soil stability, afford habitat for animals, bestow beauty, quiet and freshness to our environment, and enhance the urban setting. In this regard, the City of Colville Tree Board will promote the care, maintenance and conservation of trees. The Tree Board will advise the city on tree management on the grounds of city parks and right of ways and will encourage private landowners to manage their trees for safety, beauty, and the public welfare. The Tree Board will encourage the planting of new trees while preserving historic, heritage trees throughout the city through education, programs and joint projects. The Tree Board wishes to support an environment that encourages a sense of community and pride. The Colville community consists of the people that live, work, and visit Colville and wish to share in its opportunities and distinctive characteristics.

A tree ordinance encourages beautification, air cooling and purification, noise abatement, and property value enhancement.

Table 1. Tree City USA Bulletin #9: suggested sections for a tree ordinance and sample ordinance are compared to the ordinances for Colville.

Suggested Sections	Sample Ordinance with Section #s	Colville's Tree Ordinances
Purpose	5 Duties & Responsibilities	#1209 Purpose of Tree Board.
Authority & Power	2 Creation & Establishment of City Tree Board. 4 Compensation	#1209 Establishes Tree Board, membership, powers & duties.
Term of Office	3 Term of Office	#1211 Terms of office of Tree Board.
Applicability	1 Definitions	
Definitions	1 Definitions	
Licensing	18 Arborists License & Bond	
Insurance	18 Arborists License & Bond	
Landscaping		
Tree Planting, Maintenance & Removal	7 Street Tree Species to be Planted. 8 Spacing. 9 Distance from Curb & Sidewalk. 10 Distance from Street Corners & Fireplugs. 11 Utilities. 12 Public Tree Care. 13 Tree Topping. 14 Pruning, Corner Clearance. 16 Removal of Stumps.	#840 & #1186 Unlawful to plant in street or alley right of way. #1003-1 Cottonwood or poplar trees not to be planted. #1003-2 trimming overhead trees is property owner duty.
Adjacent Landowner Responsibility		
Tree Protection		
Private Trees	15 Dead or Diseased Tree Removal on Private Property	
Permits		
Enforcement		
Penalties, Claims & Appeals		#840 Violators found guilty, will result in misdemeanor.
	17 Interference with City Tree Board	