

Colville City Tree Board March 8, 2018

**Next meeting, Thursday, April 26, 5:30pm, Colville City Hall**

Present: Tree Board Members, Dean Fischer, Eleanor Mattice, Kathy Ahlenslager (note-taker); City Councilman Chris Loggers.

Item	Discussion or Status	ACTION
Minutes	Minutes of Jan. 23 and Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup> : Ahlenslager moved and Mattice seconded to approve, passed unanimously.	
Brandon Hull Tree Planting	Brandon Hull plans to plant 7 12-foottall trees in April at the Mobile Ranch Park. Planting is dependent upon the weather and availability of at least 7 students from Colville High School's Interact and Photo Clubs to assist. The 1.5 to 1.75-inch diameter trees include: 4 <i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i> 'Patmore' and 3 <i>Fraxinus americana</i> 'Autumn Purple.' Root balls of the trees are about 2 feet in diameter, so the holes needed would be 2-3 foot deep for each. They would be dug one day and planted the next. The project is investing \$1500 into private property with Colville Rotary donating \$290 for landscaping materials and Fox Dentistry funding the cost of the 7 trees. Watering needs to be worked out. Depending on availability, Tree Board members will assist with digging and or planting.	Fischer will coordinate with Hull.
Notable Trees	Five nominations have been received. Fischer will write an article requesting additional Notable Tree submissions and one for Arbor Day advertising the Colville Notable Tree Walk April 21, 9:30am. Meet at the press reviewing stand for the Hofstetter School baseball field, Madison and 7 <sup>th</sup> Street. Fischer suggested requesting funding for Notable Tree plaques for each tree from the city council. Mattice moved the above and Ahlenslager seconded; passed unanimously.	Ahlenslager contact nominators to OK publicity and plaques. Fischer submit newspaper articles & request funding for plaques from City Council. Mattice contact the Statesman-Review regarding the walk.
New Tree Ordinance	The Tree Board establishment ordinances, #1209 & 1211, do not include officers, quorum, or prescribing meetings. The Feb. 27 <sup>th</sup> City Council passed an ordinance clarifying the organization of the Tree Board. The Tree Board will receive a copy of the ordinance when the City Council minutes are approved at their next meeting.	Ahlenslager will request from City Clerk.
Tree Care Brochure	A Tree Care brochure was created by an earlier Tree Board. Ahlenslager moved to include it with the City utility bill, Mattice seconded, unanimously approved.	Fischer will coordinate.
Arbor Day Proclamation	Maintaining Tree City USA status requires an annual proclamation. Last week the City Clerk's Office told Ahlenslager that they were already working on the proclamation. National Arbor Day is celebrated April 27 and WA State celebrates April 11 <sup>th</sup> .	
Radio KCVL	KCVL interviewed Fischer today about Notable Trees and Arbor Day.	
DNR 2018 Small Community Forestry Assistance Grant	The City of Colville was awarded a grant of about \$10,000 for the inventory, evaluation, and a maintenance plan for about 250 street trees. City Councilwoman Annie Lawson wrote the grant, which will be matched by the City.	
Education	In the future Tree Board members might consider writing newspaper articles about the benefits of trees.	