



Tree Board

~ Meeting Minutes ~



Thursday, March 14, 2019 • 11:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilmember Pam Fernald; Sean Clark, Public Works Maintenance Supervisor; Mike Fitzpatrick, Parks Projects & Operations Manager; Alena Tuttle, Associate Planner; Kathleen Brave, Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT: Aaron Wiseman, Parks Operations Supervisor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF COORDINATOR: Michael Fitzpatrick, Parks Operations Manager

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 11:07 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes dated March 21st, 2018 were approved as written.

Old Business:

- Tree Board Annual Report to City Council – Mike Fitzpatrick provided an annual report to City Council. The memo dated January 29, 2019 served as a written update to City Council for the Tree Board.

New Business:

- Councilmember Fernald mentioned that it would be a good idea to update the City Council regarding the Tree Board. Mike agreed and mentioned that he would try and get on the agenda to provide an update and give a presentation.
- Councilmember Fernald mentioned that a citizen brought up issues regarding the removal of trees along S. 154th St. to the City Council. Aaron explained to the Advisory Board what occurred over a two-year period on S. 154th St. and that Public Works has a write up from a plant specialist regarding the issues. Councilmember Fernald asked for a written summary of the issue.
- Arbor Day Event is scheduled for April 20th at 10:00 a.m. Mike is working with other city staff (especially Kyle Moore) to generate citizen interest. The plan is to plant 12 Chanticleer Pear trees bordering the circular path.
- Mike asked the Advisory Board about the possibility of moving the Arbor Day Event to the fall, which will allow us a better chance for tree growth and survival. Aaron mentioned numerous other cities have adopted this practice. The Advisory Board agreed that was a good idea moving forward.
- Mike gave an overview of KCD Tree Canopy Assessment that is being provided free at this time. Aaron mentioned that it is meant to be used as a planting tool to identify areas to increase canopy coverage.
- Mike and Aaron spoke about future park sites (North SeaTac, Valley Ridge, and McMicken Parks) for our tree inventory in 2019.
- Mike presented information from Davey Tree meeting in regards to where the City of SeaTac falls into the Urban Forest Continuum. Mike talked about the option to share services, such as an arborist with other municipalities in the immediate area. Aaron

brought up the fact that the City of Kent decided to use paid interns to perform tree assessments and inventory.

- Sean Clark gave an update regarding the trees along S. 136th St. He stated that a citizen requested that the sidewalks be improved, since they were not passable with his wheelchair. Public Works built paths around the trouble areas. He mentioned that Public Works is considering multiple options but at this point have not moved forward.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.