

City of McCall
Tree Advisory Committee Minutes
November 13, 2017

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm – John Lillehaug, Randy Acker, Nathan Todd were present.

1. **Minutes:** Minutes from the September 05 meeting where reviewed and approved.
2. **Introduction of Guests:** No Guests

Business:

1. **News Paper Articles:** Winter preparation article did not make it into the paper – save and push to next fall. Brief discussion on what other articles would be good.
2. **Tree Assessment Updates:** Kurt gave brief update on numbers of P&Z applications coming through and construction status of projects within the scenic byway.
3. **Hazard Trees and Projects in the area:** Brief discussion on the hazard tree removal work along Highway 55 West of town and Idaho Power's utility line clearance work.
4. **Wildhorse Park Second Assessment:** Informed committee that I was approached by the 3rd grade class at Barbara Morgan Elementary School about doing a forestry lesson in the park with the tree committee on December 08. John Lillehaug offered to assist and committee discussed doing the second walk through at that time as well.
5. **City Tree Work Schedule:** Kurt Wolf informed committee that ongoing pruning work is taking place and if weather allows will continue through November.
6. **Insect Concerns Discussion:** Committee discussed the effects of the Ips beetle on Ponderosa Pine and the potential concern of the Doug Fir Tussock Moth moving into the area.
7. **Tree Committee Annual Report to Council:** John gave committee an overview and update stating council had few questions or concerns and extended their thank you to the entire committee.
8. **Tree City USA and Growth Award Applications:** Committee reviewed the application process and discussed how to put together the application for growth award using the tree presentation project (A-11) Kurt gave during the Arts and Humanities Cabin Fever Series and the Engineering and Forestry Coordination efforts (B-7) on the downtown core project and city code re-write.
9. **Dedication of Silver Maple:** Discussed dedicating the large Silver Maple adjacent to My Fathers Place and the City Owned public parking lot as a heritage or landmark tree. Parks department would like to improve the site conditions in and around the drip line of the tree and do some pruning work to preserve and protect the tree as a community tree. Owners of the restaurant have been in huge support of the idea and have offered to sacrifice a parking space to accomplish the goals.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for December 05, 2017 at 7:00pm – Department of Lands Building.

Note: Finalize Tree City USA and Growth Award Applications.

Adjournment: 8:00pm


Signed by John Lillehaug, Committee Chair