



**City of Sweet Home  
Parks Board**  
City Hall  
Annex Building  
1140 12<sup>th</sup> Ave.,  
Sweet Home, OR 97386

## Park Board Minutes

June 19, 2017

**Call to Order** at 8:30am

**Attendance:** Chairperson Angela Clegg, Nancy Patton

**Visitors:** Councilor James Goble, Councilor Diane Gerson, Tree Commissioner Katie Kohl, Mary Brendle (LCSWA) Bill Bowling (LCSWA)

**Staff:** City Manager Ray Towry, Public Works Director Greg Springman, City Engineer Joe Graybill, Planning Assistant Katie Wilcox

**Absent:** Mariann Biteman, Councilor Dave Trask

### Welcoming and Introductions / Ideas and Proposals

Discussion ensued about the BMX Park Beautification Project proposed by James Goble. The Board decided they would meet at the park to review the area and proposed upgrades.  
Questions Included: How does this proposal fit into the Sankey Park Master Plan?  
Ideas included: Making the area more aesthetically appealing, having the school shops build the gate, picnic tables and barbeques, installing solar lighting, regrading for better ADA access.  
Concerns Included: The estimated cost of the project and existing funds that have been allocated, and safety issues.

Discussion ensued about the New City Hall Park proposal. LCSWA (Linn County Small Woodland Association) presented their proposal of an interpretive arboretum  
Questions Included: Can the park could be named after Bob Mailee, (a significant contributor to forestry in the community?)  
Ideas included: Interpretive signage, information kiosk, removal of invasive species, planting native species, providing a variety of species, combing education and forestry, picnic areas, walkways, reaching out to local groups for involvement, coordinate arboretum with Sweet Home Tree Planting Plan and Preferred Species List, possible donation from LCSWA  
Concerns Included: Invasive species, removal of dead or dying trees.

Discussion ensued about the 2017 Capitol and Recreation Program. Katie Wilcox updated the board on the Summer Recreation program and the completion of the schedule.  
Questions Included: Will there be concessions at the movie nights again?

Ideas included: Booking two bands, three movies, and providing light toys for kids. Angela Clegg's watershed group will host a park clean up the day of events. Katie Wilcox will follow up with the stump removal at Sankey.

Concerns Included: Safety issues, and stump removal.

Discussion ensued about the combination of the Tree Commission and Parks Board. The group reviewed the draft ordinance.

Questions Included: Who would draft the minutes. Will members be recruited?

Ideas Included: Addressing specific required meeting dates in the language of the ordinance.

Concerns included: Meeting quorums, maintaining progress, accommodating schedules.

**Next Regular Parks Board Meeting – July 17, 2017 @ 8:30AM**

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