City of Auburn Parks & Recreation
Urban Tree Board

Minutes

Wednesday, January 4, 2017
2:00 p.m.
Class Room
Parks, Arts & Recreation/Community & Event Center

I. Call to Order

The Urban Tree Board met at Auburn Parks, Arts & Recreation at 2:00 pm.

Tree board members attending were Chair Bryce Landrud, Members: Jan Speer and James Tourangeau. Also present at the meeting were Parks Planning Manager Jamie Kelly, Horticulturist Richard Valenti and Parks Secretary Julie Mehl.

II. Minutes

The board approved December 2016 minutes.

III. Correspondence/Public Input

IV. Old Business

Richard Valenti brought a list of all Arbor Day trees dating from 1999. Five are gone due to vandalism or weather.

V. New Business

VI. Board Recommendations/Input

Chair Bryce Landrud would like to nominate the Big Leaf Maple on hole #9 at the Auburn Golf Course as the Heritage tree for 2017. Julie Mehl to assign to March 6 or 20 City Council meeting. Richard Valenti to view Box Elder located near Grace Community Church.

Clean Sweep project ideas: Blackberries and yellow archangel removal at Auburndale Park. Scotch Broom removal on the White River Trail.

Richard asked the board which species they recommend for planting along the trail at Les Gove park. Scarlet Oak, Yellow Maple or Copper Beech were noted.

VII. Department Report

Richard Valenti has completed a large tree order (40) for plantings at Les Gove and the Herr property. Planting will be done January 14 as an Eagle Scout project.

Parks Maintenance is able to prune trees during the next two weeks, flowering cherry trees at Les Gove.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.