

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE HAILEY TREE COMMITTEE**
Thursday, November 14th, 2019, 6 PM
Hailey City Hall, Public Works Meeting Room, Hailey, ID

Present:

City Staff: Stephanie Cook, Brian Yeager
Committee members: Linda Ries, Seth Gates, Kelly Siemon

Guests: Kameron Spencer, Sweetwater Project Manager, WRHS students: Henry Whittier, Nick Dabney and Kali Herbst

Call to Order: Chair Ries calls meeting to order at 6:00

Approval of meeting minutes: Motion to approve minutes from Oct 3 and Oct 22 meetings by Gates, second by Siemon

New Business:

Sweetwater - Kameron introduced plans and we discussed species selection for street trees.

- Plans listed only Red Maple, we recommended more diversity: Bur Oak, Swamp White Oak, Honeylocust, Linden
- Discussed transplanting existing green ash vs replacing with new stock
- Discussed possibility of diversity among non-street trees. Outside HTC purview, recommendations only.

Possibly - Japanese Tree Lilac, better option than Choke Cherry.

- Kameron reiterated that some trees (green ash) on Shenandoah and along canal weren't approved during original Sweetwater construction and were planted by developer at their own expense.

Motion by Gates to approve Sweetwater next phase plans based on recommendations of increased diversity among street trees. Second by Siemon.

- At least 25% of maples in plan to be replaced with Oaks, Lindens or Honeylocust
WRHS students voiced concern over set % for diversity of species, **Kameron agreed to minimum 50% diversity with 3 of 4 species recommended.**

Title 18 - Brian Yeager

-Differentiated between projects that trigger a Hailey Design Review Process vs projects that are smaller/residential.

- Discussed specific soil volume concerns and specific soil composition requirements, How do we enforce that requirements are being met? Brian said that's Stephanie's problem :) Added suitable soil to definitions section. Ries recommended upping minimum tree well volume (section 2ci) to 300 cubic ft instead of 240.

- **Added structural soils to definitions section.** Nina Bassuk, source from Cornell: Gravel 80% stone ~ 1" diameter and Soil loam to clay loam, ~20% clay and Soil to stone, 80% stone to 20% clay w/ small amount of binder.

Plantings 40ft on center? - Discussed adding language to discourage clustering of tree
Some definitions changed from planter to tree well, Removed attachment from section 3.
Species selection

Motion to approve Title 18 with discussed modifications and to proceed to Planning and Zoning by Gates, second by Ries.

Meeting adjourned, 8:10 pm