

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE HAILEY TREE COMMITTEE**

Go To meeting, Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Call to Order: Chair Ries called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm

Attendance: City Staff – Brian Yeager, Public Works Director

Committee Members: Linda Ries, Jim Rineholt, Mike McKenna, Kelsey Paxson, Kelly Siemon, David Antilla

Guest: None

Approval of December minutes: Motion by Kelsey to approve, seconded by David and passed

New Business:

- **Chair and vice chair for 2022:** Linda Ries will remain chair and David Antilla will be vice chair. Motion by David to approve Linda for chair and seconded by Kelly. All approved. Motion by Jim to approve David for vice chair and seconded by Kelly. All approved.
- **Fruit tree pruning presentation:** Linda will present a fruit tree pruning presentation via zoom in cooperation with the Hailey Public Library on February 24th. Certified arborist Kelsey Paxson will lead a hands-on fruit tree pruning session on March 30th. Tentative location will be the Wood River Land Trust tree orchard site near Colorado Gulch.
- **Earth Day Plans:** HTC will setup an information booth on Saturday April 23rd. It was suggested that a tree care activity of cutting out tree circles with volunteers at a city park would be a good activity for the afternoon.
- **Update Tree List:** The committee discussed removing Schubert chokecherry and Autumn blaze maple from the Hailey street tree list.

Autumn Blaze maple: Although a popular tree in the fall, Autumn blaze maple is currently being overplanted. This cultivar is proving not to be as hardy and arborists are starting to see failing codominant stems, branch dieback and an overall decline in the health of the tree.

Chokecherry: There is an overabundance of Schubert Chokecherries and these trees require higher than normal pruning in order to maintain a healthy crown and reduce weak codominant stems. Many existing trees are unpruned and are showing signs of decline. (NOTE from Chair Ries: *Prunus maackii* is a Class II Tree and a much better tree than Schubert chokecherry).

<https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/articles/amur-cherry-prunus-maackii/>

A motion to remove these trees from the HTC street tree list by David and seconded by Jim. All approved.

Old Business:

- **Heritage Trees and Historical Walking Tour:** Mike McKenna reported that he met with the Blaine County Historical Museum and they will update the Hailey Historic Walking Tour. Linda added that some of the Heritage Trees could be added to the tour. She will contact homeowners who have nominated Heritage trees on their private property to make sure they are okay with their trees being located on the map, and possibly be signed.
- **HTC Website:** Linda will continue discussions with the city.

Board/Staff Reports:

- The City of Hailey will receive the Tree City USA Growth Award for 2021. Congratulations to the Hailey Tree Committee and Stephanie Cook for your hard work and accomplishments!

Discussion of Topics for Next Agenda: To be announced for the March 10th meeting.

Adjourn: Chair Ries adjourned meeting at 6:52 pm.

Minutes taken by Jim Rineholt