

## **City of Livingston, Tree Board Agenda**

A regular meeting of the City Tree Board has been scheduled for Thursday, May 20, 2021 at Noon. This meeting will be held in person at the gazebo at the south end of Sacajawea Park.

- **Approval of Minutes**
- **Old Business**
  - Update on planting guide, boulevard species list and web content.
- **New Business**
  - Discussion about developing a strategic plan for the board.
- **Public Comments**
- **Board Comments**

## LIVINGSTON TREE BOARD

REGULAR MEETING April 15, 2021, SACAGAWEA GAZEBO

### MINUTES

**Attendance:** Marshall Swearingen, Lisa Harreld, Andy Mitchell, Laurel Desnick, Rita Rozier, Susan Regele, Dan Busch, Maureen Lighthiser

**Approval of Minutes:** Laurel made a motion to approve the minutes from February 18, 2021. Maureen seconded. All in favor.

#### **New Business:**

- **Arbor Day Celebration – April 30, 1pm at Mars Park** – Dan and the roaming crew will have the holes dug and ready for the trees. The chosen trees are red maple, walnut, linden and autumn blaze. Educatio and Farm to School and the Livingston Home School Association will be present and participate in the celebration. Susan and Rita will host the children’s groups and have planned activities for the students.
- **Make a Stand Project Update** – Susan and Rita gave an update on their fundraising project. Donations will be accepted through PCEC. PCEC will track the donations and then cut a check to the city for the proceeds. The campaign will give a general message that the funds will be used for the “planting and care” of trees. The campaign will be open through Labor Day. The Tree Board will not directly manage the funds. Per Dan, the city will purchase trees in bulk to get the best bang for the buck.
- **Tree Planting Guide** – Tom has been working on the rough draft for the updated planting guide. The guide is thorough and well done and includes an updated list of suitable species for boulevards. The Tree Board would like the guide to be included on the city Tree Board web page. Andy made a motion to approve the Guide as reviewed by a web master for literacy. Lisa seconded. All in favor.
- **City Budget recommendation for FY2022** – The city is currently in the process of budget work. The Tree Board would like to have some input into request for trees and maintenance. There is a DNRC grant opportunity for a program development grant. Andy suggested the Tree Board include a request for funding specifically summer tree watering. He suggested asking for an additional \$10,000 for tree care and maintenance. Laurel made a motion to approve the budget recommendation, including the additional \$10,000 for watering and care of trees. Andy seconded. All in favor.

- **Board comments –**

- **Marshall** – Earth Day is April 22. There will be a celebration at 5:30pm. He also suggested we set up a tree scouting outing at the Bozeman trail connector. We will plan for this summer. He also recommended we submit an Op Ed in the Enterprise after the new web site is up and running.
- **Andy** – Park High is cleaning up the wood lot site next to the school. The site had become very overgrown and hazardous. They will be cleaning up and thinning out underbrush. It looks good so far. Andy also mentioned the Municipal Forestry Plan has been submitted to the city attorney. We will review on May 20.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm. Next meeting May 20 at noon at the Sacagawea Gazebo.

# Livingston Parks & Trails Committee

## 2019 Strategic Plan

### Introduction

The purpose of the Livingston Parks and Trails Committee (PTC) is to assist the Livingston City Commission (Commission) in the long-term planning of parks and trails. The major themes of this three-year strategic plan is to (1) build community support, (2) create a solid base for effective communications, and (3) cultivate resources to create a sustainable and interconnected system of parks and trails

### Mission

To advocate on behalf of the public to create and maintain park, trail, open space and other outdoor recreational opportunities that enhance the quality of life for all of Livingston's residents.

### Vision

Enhance community through a system of interconnected parks and trails that offer diverse, healthy outdoor experiences within a rich variety of landscapes and natural habitats.

### Values

- Collaboration
- Environmental stewardship
- Commitment to the public good

### Goals

- Actively engage with the Commission, primary stakeholders and city departments to ensure that parks and trails are regularly considered and addressed in their decisions, including through the City's Growth Plan.
- Educate and involve the community to drive support for parks and trails in Livingston.
- Expand and improve the current network of parks, trails and other outdoor recreational areas.

### Strategies

1. GOAL: Actively engage with the Commission, primary stakeholders and city departments to ensure that parks and trails are regularly considered and addressed in their decisions, including through the City's Growth Plan.

Strategies:

- Design and implement a communications plan to communicate to stakeholders and enable outreach and cultivation of partners.
- Increase presence in all forms of local media

- Participate in relevant community and civic organization events and meetings, attend pertinent Planning Board and City Commission meetings
  - Invite City stakeholder employees to attend PTC meetings on a regular basis
  - Work with the City to maintain an up-to-date PTC webpage
2. GOAL: Educate and involve the community to drive support for parks and trails in Livingston.

Strategies:

- Create community partnerships and make explicit connections to the Active Transportation Coalition, Bike Club and Park County Parks & Recreation Board
  - Provide opportunities for deeper city/county/community relationships, events, and projects
  - Engage the community including conducting a PTC survey
3. GOAL: Expand and improve the current network of parks, trails and other outdoor recreational areas

Strategies:

- Collaborate and provide input to long term city and county planning processes
- Identify and promote potential new and existing parks and trails projects
- Create a multi-faceted fundraising plan that includes grants, donors, sponsorships and events that support outreach efforts
- Partner with the community in development of a new wellness center and/or pool

## Outcomes

By 2022...

- PTC will regularly consult with and be consulted by the City regarding matters affecting parks, trails and open space, including outreach opportunities.
- Citizens of Livingston will be able to clearly identify PTC and its efforts on behalf of the city.
- There will be a strong coalition of coordinated and active supporters of parks and trails in Livingston.
- The Livingston City Growth Plan will reflect the vision of the PTC.
- Sackett Park exists and a 7-8 mile loop trail connects the existing city parks and trails.