



## **TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd. Milwaukie, OR 97206**

**November 16, 2022**

**Zoom Video Conference Meeting**

### **Board Members Present:**

Kathleen Brennan-Hunter

Ley Garnett

Alexis Barton

Jon Brown

### **Board Members Absent:**

Gina Dake

### **Staff Present:**

Peter Passarelli, Public Works Director

## **MEETING NOTES**

Peter briefed the Board about regular meetings with the Urban Forestry staff to refine the City's Tree Code which has been on the books for about six months at this point. He said they're working on two issues:

1. Updating the master fee schedule, especially when a tree has been removed without a permit and there's no stump to assess. They're considering a \$5,000 penalty when the stump is gone.
2. The second issue: tree removal without a permit when the tree is sick. Doubling the fine for permit-less healthy tree removal is likely.

Peter said so far there's not been any significant commercial or residential developments under the tree code that have come before the Planning Commission.

He said there's a targeted inventory underway of Ash trees on City property and its rights of way to prepare for the Emerald Ash Borer. Furthermore, a 2021 survey didn't turn up many Ash while Portland found 4% of its public trees to be Ash. Milwaukie is looking at treatment opportunities for the Borer that are cost effective.

Peter then gave the Board an update on the City's Commercial Tree Code. He said the State has guidelines through its climate equity initiatives. Regulations on large parking lots (¼ acre

or larger) have been challenged. He said the City faces a June 30 deadline to comply and that he'll bring a proposal to the Board early in 2023.

Peter said the City was pleased with the turnout for the Fall Arbor Day ceremonies highlighted by the planting of a Silver Oak and that another City Arbor Day would be held in the Spring of 2023.