

Lake Forest Park Tree Board Annual Report 2019

Introduction

This report summarizes the work conducted by the Tree Board for calendar year 2019, as well as the current commissioner term status and work for the upcoming year and beyond.

- The Lake Forest Park tree board advises the city council, with a primary responsibility for making policy and regulatory recommendations concerning the management of trees and forest canopy in Lake Forest Park.
- The tree board additionally holds the responsibility of providing outreach and education to the community on tree-related issues, including, but not limited to, organizing public events involving trees.

Tree Board Members*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Status</u>
Julia Bent.	2/28/22.	Active
Timothy Hohn	2/28/22.	Active (Vice Chair)
David Kleweno	2/28/23.	Active (Chair)
Richard Olmstead	2/28/23	Active
Gordon Smith	2/28/22.	Active

*There are currently 3 vacant board positions.

Work Plan Accomplishments

Public Outreach and Education on Trees

- Designed a LFP Tree Board logo for use on signs and banners.
- Green Fair staffed table display
- Arbor Day tree planting & dedication
- Farmer's Market staffed table display.
- Designed and distributed (via sewer bill) an interpretive tree code flyer.

Tree Planting and Maintenance Events

- Waterworks grant funded ivy removal project April 9-11, 2019 serving 15 LFP property owners along Perkins Way (joint project with Earth Corps).
- 25 street trees planted in the Sheridan Heights / Sheridan Beach neighborhoods involving

Advise Council on city-wide tree studies and tree-fund spending priorities.

- City Tree Data File review, compilation, and analysis for the years 2017-18.*
- Amended Tree Canopy Study linking the previous two studies, Chris Overdorff consultant.**
- Submitted a KCD Urban Forestry grant application for conservation work.
- Submitted a Waterworks grant application for invasive plant removal (English ivy).

Be aware of opportunities and threats and advise council if the Board identifies any that are relevant to trees in Lake Forest Park.

- Joint Meeting with the Parks Board to coordinate projects and activities of mutual interest

- Tree Code Amendment Review

Current Items of Interest

- Two grant awards: Waterworks Riparian Area Invasive Plant Control (McAleer Creek Ivy Removal) for \$59,250.00; King County Conservation District Forest Restoration for \$29,250.00.
- Tree Inventory Project Planning / Implementation.
- Tree Code Amendment Proposals.

*City Tree Data File Project: this is a continuation of a data digitizing, review, and analysis project begun in 2018 with funds from the LFP Stewardship Foundation in support of an intern. Work began with tree permits from 2016 and has now encompassed permits through 2018. The information contained in these permits is now accessible and managed by computer. As part of this project, the interns have provided an analysis of this data related to tree removals and replacements to aid City community forest management and preservation. See the most recent intern report under separate cover.

**This project was recommend by the Tree Advisory Board in order to link the findings of the 2005 LIDAR canopy data to the 2016 LIDAR canopy data. This makes it possible to track and analyze canopy changes revealed by a comparison of data from the two canopy surveys. The method used to create this linkage is also fully documented in order to provide continuity and linkage to future canopy surveys and studies. An additional element that will be added to this overall effort, is a representative ground survey of trees by type and size mentioned above under "Current Items of Interest" as the "tree inventory project."

Permit Summary for 2019 (see attached).