

**Lewiston Auburn Community Forest Board Minutes  
October 15, 2015  
Lewiston Public Works Conference Room**



**Members present:** Rick Shea, Dave Griswold, Steve Murch (Lewiston City Arborist), John Butler, Gary Wadsworth (Auburn Public Services) Chuck Lafean, Jay Braunscheidel.

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Dave Griswold and Chuck Lafean have been recently appointed to represent Auburn on LACFB, Two Auburn vacancies remain.

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.**

Minutes for September were approved.

**Public Session**

No input received..

**Auburn Street Tree Inventory**

Dan Goyette indicated to Dave that the request to submit the grant application to Project Canopy would go before the City Council on Oct 19.

**Tree Nursery Update**

Pump upgrade has been completed. Some weeding of the tree mounds has been completed. Steve plans to use mulch fabric to combat weeds next growing season. Plan is coming together to pull stumps and prepare the rest of the site for planting in spring 2016.

**TD Tree Day, Lewiston**

TD Bank staff, Steve's crew and other volunteers planted 62 trees in the Marcotte Park neighborhood of Lewiston on 10-15. Rick and Dave represented LACFB. The trees were financed by a TD Bank grant to Lewiston in collaboration with Project Canopy. Kudo's to Steve and his crew for getting things organized efficiently.

## Strategic Plan

Strategic Plan items were reviewed and discussed. List below includes priority items, in no particular order. Rick will incorporate the list into the Strategic Plan format for more discussion and review by the board and stakeholders.

### Brain Storming Ideas for Strategic Plan 2016-2020

Tree Nursery (250-300 trees planted)

Tree Inventory for Auburn

Plan for Emerald Ash Borer, Asian Longhorned Beetle and other invasive species

Revise Forest Management plans

Create public woodlot ordinance for Auburn

Establish tree planting goals

Make the community better aware of the work of the LACFB

Better Networking with city staff, city councils, public, and other like minded organizations(water district and land trusts, etc.)

Educate the public to the role of the "Community Forest"

Carry out a "SWOT" analysis of future community forest needs

Continue applications for "Tree City USA"

Establish a trust for trees

Apply for 50-50 matching grants for tree planting

## New Business

**The meeting adjourned at 8:02.**

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for November 19th, at a location to be determined.