



KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH

Tree Board

AGENDA

April 11, 2018, 12:00 p.m.

Assembly Chambers, White Cliff Building

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Citizen Comments**
- 3. Unfinished Business**
 - a. Trail Signage – notes provided by Member Muench**
 - b. City Park tree replacement**
 - c. Arbor Day – Memo provided by Deputy Director Barry**
- 4. New Business**
- 5. Reports of Officers or Staff**
- 6. Discussion of Topics for Future Meetings**
- 7. Committee Member Comments**
- 8. Adjourn**

The requirements of the Borough Tree City USA designation and the Alaska Division of Natural Resources Division of Forestry grant are incorporated herein for reference:

Requirements of Tree City USA Designation

Certification as a Tree City USA carries with it four standards set forth by The National Arbor Day Foundation:

1. A Tree Board or Department (Tree Board established by Ord 1527)
2. A Community Tree Ordinance (KGB Code 2.50)
3. A Community Tree Forestry Program with an Annual Budget of at Least \$2 Per Capita
4. An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation (May)

Requirement of Alaska DNR Community Forestry Grant

The services provided by the Division of Forestry were:

1. Tree Inventory and software (completed July 15, 2009, with update in 2014)
2. Development of Tree Management Plan (Presented by Division of Forestry to Borough March 8, 2010)
3. Training (provided July 2009 and March 2014)

Borough Responsibilities

Services performed by the Borough:

1. Provide cash or in-kind services match towards danger tree removal, tree maintenance, or planting in the amount required by the Arbor Day Foundation
2. Participation in Tree Board meetings and training
3. Commitment to implement and maintain Tree Management Plan
4. Commitment to maintain tree inventory
5. Inventory data within Borough GIS database (completed July 2009, March 2014, and ongoing)
6. Staff and hardware participation in training and inventory (completed July 2009 and March 2014)
7. Other duties as required per KGB Code 2.50.

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April 4, 2018

Assembly Chambers, White Cliff Building

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Member Muench at 12:06 pm.

Members present at the meeting:

Board Members

Rick Hauver, Member

Eric Muench, Member

Ketchikan Gateway Borough Staff

Teri Holderman, Administrative Assistant

Morgan Barry, Deputy Director Public Works

Citizen Comments – there were no citizen comments.

Unfinished Business

Trail Signage – Member Muench and GIS Mapper, Jim Pomplun, went out to GPS the proposed trail. It will not be practical to put signage on Forest Park lands, due to sign requirements. Signs can be installed on Borough lands only. Member Muench has redrawn the trail map. There are 14 sign locations with a short write up for each sign. There will also be 1 sign at the entrance to the trail, in addition to the 14 signs. He will approach Sign Pro to get an updated price of the signs. As far as SAF, there is a fund in which a project of this type may be able to receive some funds. Eric will look into this before the next meeting.

City Park Tree Replacement – Rick has a Douglas Fir to replace the yellow cedar in City Park. If a smaller tree is needed, he also has some 30 inch seedlings. Action will be tabled until the next meeting, due to lack of quorum.

Arbor Day – a discussion of an Arbor Day date was given by Deputy Director Morgan Barry. Action will be tabled until the next meeting, due to lack of quorum.

New Business

Reports of Officers or Staff

Items for Future Agenda

Committee Member Comments

The next meeting will be May 2, 2018.

Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 12:22 pm.

Submitted by:

Teri Holderman, Public Works Administrative Assistant

A SUMMARY OF PROPOSED SIGNS ON A POSSIBLE FORESTRY TRAIL

A "beginning of trail" sign with explanations

Sta. 1 examples of small mature shore pine, S spruce, W hemlock, W redcedar, Alaska yellow cedar, and red alder at beginning of the trail

Sta 2 a good mature yellow cedar bark example

Sta. 3 good mountain hemlock foliage, a w.hemlock/mountain hemlock close-up comparison, and other small trees further up

Sta. 4 a good close up yellow cedar/redcedar comparison and a good S spruce/w hemlock comparison

Sta. 5 red alder regeneration with S spruce understory on the abandoned old Connell Lake roadbed

Sta. 6 a good mountain hemlock bark example

Sta. 7 a large mature S spruce/w hemlock comparison

Sta. 8 a large well formed w redcedar with dimensions

Sta. 9 a large well formed yellow cedar with dimensions

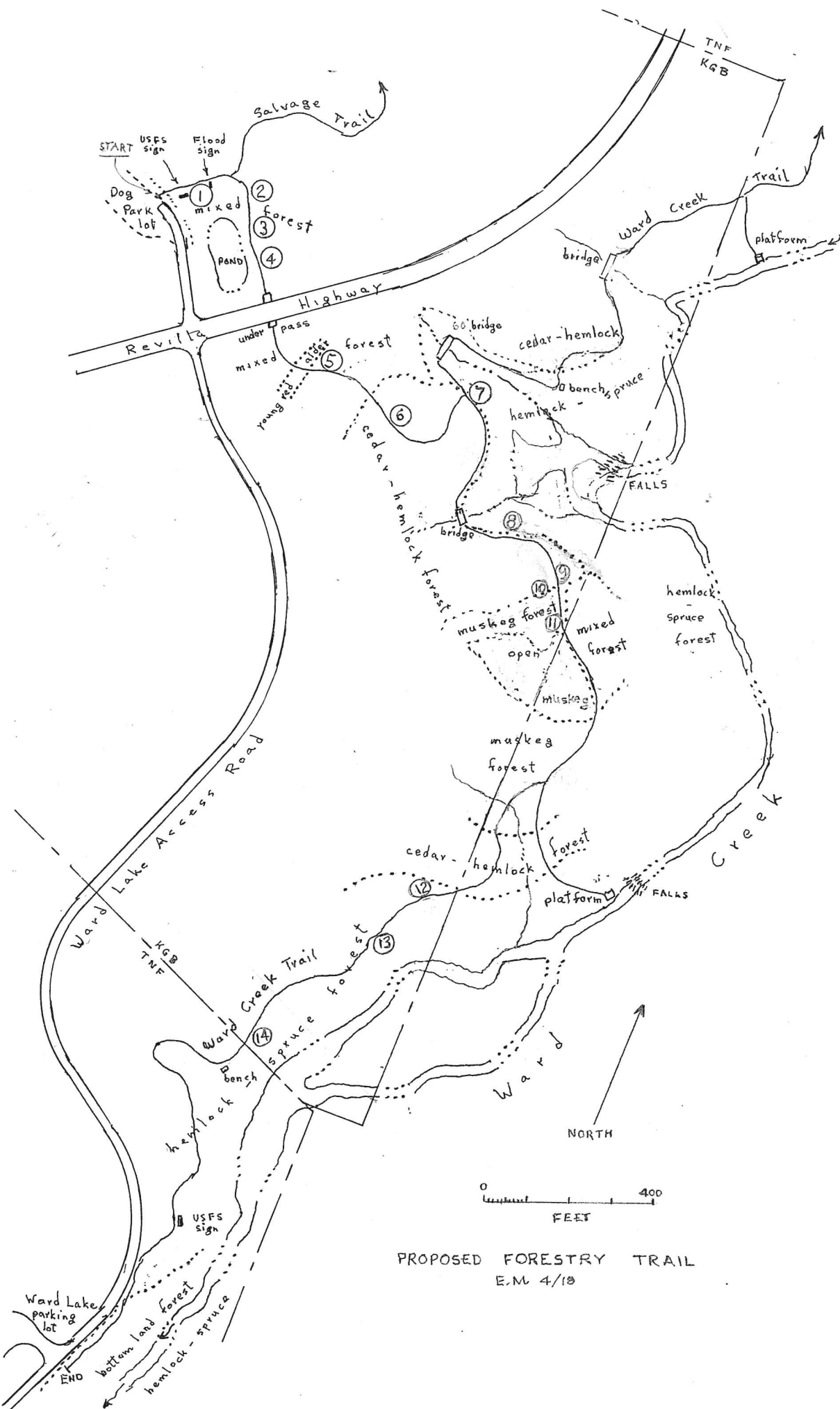
Sta. 10 a cedar-hemlock to muskeg forest to open muskeg transition

Sta. 11 a number of shore pine, some with good growth, some stunted in muskeg

Sta. 12 a large well formed Sitka spruce with dimensions

Sta. 13 a large well formed w hemlock with dimensions

Sta 14 leaving KGB land; a very large old redcedar survivor is ahead and the trail then descends into a dense high volume spruce bottomland site.



PROPOSED FORESTRY TRAIL
E.M. 4/18



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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

MORGAN K. BARRY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR

DATE: April 2, 2018

TO: Tree Board

SUBJECT: Arbor Day Celebrations

Dates of Arbor Day Celebration throughout Alaska:

National, 2017: April 28

State of Alaska, 2017: May 15 – third Monday of May

Sitka, 2017: May 23rd

Wasilla, 2017: May 15 (declared May 8)

For Wainwright, 2014: May 13

JBER, 2017: May 17

According to Juneau Empire, “While Arbor Day has been recognized in different states since 1872, it wasn’t officially a holiday in Alaska until 1966. Alaska can thank a class of fourth-graders from Kodiak Elementary School for giving the push for the state to observe Arbor Day. They wrote Sen. Al Owen, D-Uganik Bay, asking him what could be done about Alaska not recognizing Arbor Day. He responded by sponsoring Senate Bill 207 during the fourth Alaska Legislature, which passed, finally giving Alaska its first Arbor Day. (In 1973, the law was amended to change the date of the first Arbor Day to be held on the third Monday in May *for a better planting season in Alaska*).”

Washington State: April 12, 2017 – 2nd Wednesday of April

Oregon State: first full week of April

Canada: In Canada, Maple Leaf Day falls on the last Wednesday in September during National Forest Week. Ontario celebrates Arbor Week from the last Friday in April to the first Sunday in May. And Nova Scotia celebrates Arbor Day on the Thursday of National Forest Week.