

**TREE BOARD
16 JUNE 2019
VAUGHN FIELD**

The Hallowell Tree Board met Sunday morning 9am - 12noon on 16 June to have a working meeting at the Vaughn Field.

Present: Jen Paisley, Mark Paisley, Bill Allen and Maggie Newton.
Absent: Wes Davis, Peter Spiegel and Ellen Gibson.

The crew came armed with clippers, saws, loppers, a ladder, gloves, a truck and two utility carts attached to autos.

The Agenda included:

1. Trimming dead branches, weeding, feeding, mulching and watering trees that had been planted previously by the T.B.
2. Also, as Maggie had contacted Chris Buck about cutting back the Rugosa Roses around the dog pen and been given permission to do so, Mark Paisley and Bill Allen proceeded to trim them back so that only green was visible and were about 2ft off the ground. We were complimented by the neighbors who were happy to see it nice and tidy looking.
3. Maggie removed the garbage bag of dog waste that had been left hanging on the fence. She left the empty small bags fearing that removing them would allow dog owners to feel justified in not picking up and taking away their dog's waste.
4. There was discussion re: the amount of dog waste left in the dog pen by lazy dog owners who disregarded the bags and hanging bag of dog waste. Also, the fact that Public Works had removed the garbage receptacle citing the city ordinance and the unsanitary condition of the bin and the Public Works repugnance of having to clean it.
5. Suggestion: make a larger, clearer sign in red letters which states that the City Ordinance requires that dog waste be picked up by the dog owners and taken with them when they leave the Vaughn Field area and disposed of in their own trash cans.
6. A comment was made by a neighbor bordering Vaughn Field that she has witnessed people stopping by the entrance to the Field (on Middle and Lincoln St), opening their car doors and letting their dogs loose and then driving away — I assume returning at a later time to pick them up. We suggested writing down the car license number & giving it to the police. Perhaps a fine would be in order for such behavior.
7. By noon, 4 truck/utility cart loads of Rugosa Rose trimmings were headed to the brush lot at the end of the Fish and Game Road and our weary T.B. workers headed home for showers and the hauling away tools and paraphernalia that signified a successful morning.

Thanks to Mark, Jen and Bill for your hard work.
Vaughn Field looks great!!!

Respectfully,

Margaret Newton

PS: I will inform Chris Buck that we trimmed the roses back and that his group can now mow between the rosebushes. (I'm sure he'll be thrilled!!)