



**Garden
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Tree Advisory Committee Meeting
Town Board Room
807 Mountain Ave
Berthoud, Colorado
Monday, June 26, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

This is an IN-PERSON meeting at the location and time noted above
You may also join Virtually using Zoom:
Phone: 1-346-248-7799 or 301-715-8592 Web: www.zoom.us/join
Use this Meeting ID: 983 268 8481

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call

Roll Call

- Toni Baker-Chair
- Amy Lentz-Vice Chair
- Randy Niece-Secretary
- Kathy Mitchell
- Hannah Daniels
- Joe Nesvara
- Lynn Larsen
- Sean Murph-Town Trustee Liaison
- Paul Furnas-Staff Representative

3. Approval Of Minutes

Approval of the May 2023 Meeting Minutes

Documents:

[2023_05 - BTAC MAY 2023 MEETING MINUTES-DRAFT FOR APPROVAL.PDF](#)

4. Public Comment

5. Discussion Items

EAB Contract Update

-Public Comment

Third Quarter Social Media posts review

-Public Comment

6. Staff Report

7. Adjourn

Adjourn Tree Advisory Committee Meeting and move into Joint Meeting with
PORT Committee for Berthoud Arboretum review

Next Scheduled Meeting is July 17th, 2023, at 5 PM.

If you require a special accommodation, please contact the Town Clerk 24 hours in
advance at (970) 532-2643.

BERTHOUD TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 2023 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order:

Toni Baker called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, May 15th, 2023.

2. Roll Call:

1. Toni Baker – Chair – present
 2. Amy Lentz – Vice Chair – present
 3. Randy Niece – Secretary – present
 4. Joe Nesvara – attend via Zoom
 5. Lynn Larsen – absent
 6. Kathy Mitchell – present
 7. Hannah Daniels – attend via Zoom
- Quorum 6/7 in attendance
- Sean Murphy – Town Liaison – present
 - Paul Furnas – Town Forester & Open Space Supervisor – present

3. Approval of Minutes from April 2023 Meeting:

- Motion for approval made by Kathy; seconded by Randy.

4. Public Comment – Non agenda items:

- a. Hammond Farm open space tree replacement
 - 1) Paul provides an update on the decision by the town for cost-sharing the tree replacement.
 - 2) Berthoud will pay to purchase the trees; the property manager will pay to plant and maintain.
 - 3) Quantity of trees to be determined once property manager decides what their budget will support.
 - 4) Priority locations will be along Berthoud Parkway and County Road 10E.
 - 5) Joe expressed concern over planting in clay and Amy expanded on the science behind supplementing soil.
 - 6) Paul observed other trees in the area that have thrived and is not overly concerned.
- b. Arboretum design meeting with PORT committee.
 - 1) Joint meeting planned for Monday June 26th to review initial plans. (In lieu of regular meeting on the 3rd Monday of the month, which would have been June 19th.)
 - 2) TAC would meet at 5:00 – 6:00pm and then PORT would join from 6-7pm for joint review and discussion of the plans. PORT would then finish their meeting after 7pm.

5. Discussion Items:

- a. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) contract update
 - 1) Paul explained receiving bids from 3 of the 4 companies contacted.
 - a) Bids from Blue River, Bio-Mechanics LLC, Schra Tree Care.
 - b) Job was awarded to Blue River after much deliberation.
 - c) They are expected to treat 455 trees.
 - d) Trapping of borers discussed but not viewed as a priority and is not done by this contractor.

b. TAC Presence at Summer Events

- 1) Berthoud Day – June 3rd, Saturday.
 - a) Booth discussion. It was suggested we combine with Master Gardeners.
 - b) Paul will contact Alison O'Connor.
 - c) Randy will champion this event.
- 2) July 3rd – No attendance at this event
- 3) Octoberfest – October 7th, Saturday.
 - a) Planning needs to be done. Paul will put on the agenda for future meetings.
 - b) Hannah agreed to champion this event.

c. Educational Materials for Town

- 1) Paul has a budget of \$2,000 for education and is looking for suggestions.
- 2) The Colorado State Forest Service has several documents that could be reproduced for handouts.
- 3) Yard signs with City of Berthoud Forestry QR code could be printed and placed around town.
- 4) Magnetic signs could be printed and placed on neighborhood mailboxes.
- 5) A 40-year Tree City banner could be printed and placed across main street.
- 6) Amy suggested that a map of the trees in Pioneer Park be created and placed for accessibility.
- 7) Nameplates to identify trees in Fickel Park could be made and placed in the tree ring.
- 8) Public Comment - Linda Wilson-1461 Merrlet St. She suggested the printing of posters with the Forestry QR code which could be put in local businesses.

6. Staff Report:

a. Paul update:

- 1) Paul showed pictures from the successful Arbor Day celebration and poster contest.
- 2) There are tree interferences with downtown sidewalks that need to be addressed by residents.
- 3) Tree wrap removal is almost complete.
- 4) The tank trailer is being upgraded with a pump, just in time for watering season.
- 5) The Forestry team still has a lot of preparation to do for the EAB treatment.

b. Sean asked for update on the cemetery tree removal:

- 1) There have been 2-Elm and 1-Ash tree removal done recently.
- 2) Stump removal was not done as contractors are hesitant to work around the headstones.
- 3) It will not be possible to plant new trees back in the same location. No irrigation.
- 4) Paul intends to focus on the medium-sized trees along the roads.
- 5) Paul has a 5-year plan for improving conditions. Catalpas have hollow cavities creating weak points and beehives that are scheduled for relocating.
- 6) There has been recent activity on Facebook regarding conditions and tree removals. Amy suggested that a press release be put out ahead of any further tree removal and explaining replanting restrictions.
- 7) Amy suggested that perhaps planters could be placed around the area to fill the gaps and improve the appearance yet avoiding the need to dig into the ground.

7. Adjourn:

- Toni Baker adjourned the meeting at 6:21 P.M. on the 15th day of May 2023.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, June 26th, 2023; 5:00 – 6:00pm**. Joint meeting with PORT 6-7pm.

Signature: