

# BERTHOUD TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## February 2023 Meeting Minutes

### 1. Call to order:

Toni Baker called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M. on Monday, February 27th, 2023.

### 2. Roll Call:

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

### 3. Approval of Minutes from January 2023 Meeting:

- Motion for approval made by Lynn; seconded by Kathy. Approved with correction to Jane Vielehr's last name.

### 4. Public Comment – Non agenda items:

- a. Toni added an agenda item for discussion.
  - 1) Participants on Zoom at last months meeting could not hear presentation or audience members as they talked about the arboretum. Hannah confirmed that today's volume is good.
  - 2) If a presentation is to be given, it should be on the agenda and no back/forth discussion with the committee should be allowed.
  - 3) Public comment time is to be limited to 3 minutes and they must come to the podium.
- b. Linda Wilson-1461 Merrlet St, Berthoud. Commented that at other city meetings they allow for public comment after listed agenda items are covered; 3 minute maximum allowed.

### 5. Discussion Items:

- a. Review Berthoud recommended/prohibited street tree list.
  - 1) Paul opened new Berthoud website and went to the Forestry page.
    - a) He intends to add his name and phone number just below the header.
    - b) Tree Care Information tab currently has three sub-categories. He intends to add more information, those being -Tree Planting -Tree Pruning -Tree Watering -Other Tree Care.
    - c) Joe suggested sending the city list to local nurseries within 30–40-mile radius. Someone will have to initiate this action.
    - d) A web link is provided to the Front Range Recommended Tree List. Amy commented that it is being updated. Current list appears to have 2010 copyright.
    - e) Amy commented that the Freeman Maple appears to have been successful in this area (combination of Red & Silver) and should be added to the list of approved.
  - 2) Toni discussed how Linden trees get aphids and lady bugs are effective treatment.

b. Review and confirm details about Arbor Day 2023.

- 1) Date of the event is Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Location will be in NE corner of Fickel Park. Paul hopes to plant something unique to the town this year.
- 2) Stephanie will post more information as the date gets closer.
- 3) There will be an article in the paper about this being the 40<sup>th</sup> year of Tree City USA designation.
- 4) Poster contest has had little success in the past. Paul hopes to attend events at local schools and library to promote the poster contest. He will use last years lone submission as part of the advertising campaign for this year.
- 5) Paul said guidelines state poster contest is for grades 3-5. It was discussed expanding this out to more grades to get better advertising coverage.
- 6) Linda Wilson (see previous 4.b for identifying information) suggested the announcement be put in the local water bill flyer. She offered up homemade wooden bowl (from Elm) that could be paired with the tree give away.
- 7) Randy suggested a poster board be prepared by the Arboretum designer to have at the Arbor Day celebration so that attendees get an idea of what is being proposed.
- 8) 40<sup>th</sup> Year celebration could include acknowledging the Top 40 trees in the area or something similar.

**6. Staff Report:**

a. Paul update:

- 1) His staff attended a tree trimming demonstration at the convention center.
- 2) Most of the past month has been spent taking down Christmas Decorations.
- 3) Broken branches adjacent to streets needs to be addressed as delivery trucks are hitting low branches. Notices need to be sent to residents to have them trimmed.
- 4) Mid-March will see the removal of three trees in cemetery: 2 Elms and 1 Ash. Signs have been posted warning of this. He is not planning replacements for those currently.
- 5) Upcoming posting to social media will address pruning of small street trees.
- 6) The city water truck is almost built out and will include a 300' hose. Has ability to add supplements to water for injection below grade.
- 7) Ash Treatment program measurements have been completed and should be out for bid by mid-April for May award and completion. 700 trees (1/2 of town) will be treated.
- 8) No large tree purchases are planned for this year. The team will plant in select location and the Hillsdale nursery to restock those removed last year.

**7. Adjourn:**

- Toni Baker adjourned the meeting at 6:21 P.M. on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 20th, 2023, at 5:00pm.**

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Signature: