

# BERTHOUD TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## March 2023 Meeting Minutes

### 1. Call to order:

Toni Baker called the meeting to order at 5:04 P.M. on Monday, March 20th, 2023.

Note: The ZOOM connection was not working, and remote attendance was not possible.

### 2. Roll Call:

1. Toni Baker – Chair – present
2. Amy Lentz – Vice Chair – present
3. Randy Niece – Secretary – present
4. Joe Nesvara – attempted to attend but not able due to ZOOM problems.
5. Lynn Larsen – present
6. Kathy Mitchell – present
7. Hannah Daniels – absent

Quorum 5/7 in attendance

- Sean Murphy – Town Liaison – present
- Paul Furnas – Town Forester & Open Space Supervisor – present

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

- Motion for approval made by Kathy; seconded by Amy. Approved with 2<sup>nd</sup> correction to Jane Vielehr's last name.

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

- a. Linda Wilson-1461 Merrlet St, Berthoud. Asked for assistance or suggestions on how best to approach residents to remove their tree stakes and straps.
  - 1) She is finding in Heron Pointe that about 100 of the 179 homes are leaving their street trees strapped well beyond what is necessary.
  - 2) Members had several suggestions that were offered.

### 5. Discussion Items:

- a. Review and confirm details about Arbor Day 2023.
  - 1) Paul has contacted Elementary schools about poster contest, targeting grades 3-5.
  - 2) He will put up poster contest notifications at Rec Center and attempt to put on video screens
  - 3) *Announcement is planned for the local paper.*
  - 4) Paul has been invited to speak at library "Food for Thought" about Arbor Day.
  - 5) Proclamation has been signed by Mayor. He will most likely read at the event.
  - 6) Event date is planned for April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10am.
  - 7) Tree expected to be planted will be Bird Cherry (Mayday) related to Choke Cherry.
  - 8) Boy Scout attendance has not yet been confirmed, Paul still working to contact.
  - 9) Amy volunteered to perform a "Tree Talk" to educate young attendee's.
- b. Emerald Ash Borer Treatments 2023 – Scope of work/updates
  - 1) Paul is currently planning out the treatment scheme for this year.
  - 2) Treatment area to include most areas south of Mountain Ave.
    - a) Including Gateway Park NW corner of Mountain Ave & Berthoud Parkway.
    - b) Including Peakview Meadows NE corner of Mountain Ave & 1<sup>st</sup> Street.
    - c) Including area North of Berthoud Elementary.

- 3) Current budget is about \$45k for treatments. Paul will add 3<sup>rd</sup> contractor to bid requests.
- 4) Discussed use of DBH of 12" as minimum. Lesser measurements of 11" or 10" would up the cost. Amy volunteered past discussions with other cities/counties resulted in agreement to use 12" as the minimum for treatment.
- 5) Paul feels smaller DBH Ash Trees should be removed and replaced by residents rather than investing in treating them as eventually they will probably succumb to EAB disease.
- 6) Inventory list reviewed as to whether demand will grow as trees get larger. Opinion is that older/larger trees will die off as younger trees grow to replace keeping DBH inventory relatively steady at current figure.
- 7) Randy asked how last year's treatment is checked for Quality Control. Paul explained his inspection process and feels last years contractor was performing as expected.
- 8) Amy suggested Larimer County Master Gardeners could be asked to help identify any suspected EAB infestation if city resources are not able to keep up should this occur.
- 9) Paul discussed the possible use of traps to determine location of insects. He has found Berthoud West area has confirmed cases of EAB and concerned about spread into city.

**6. Staff Report:**

a. Paul update:

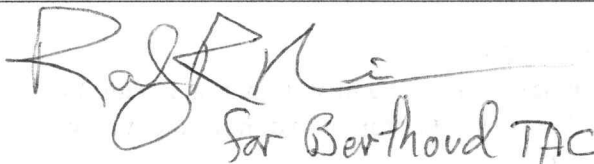
- 1) Forestry staff is performing pruning in city parks to allow better growth.
- 2) Fickel Park has received a lot of pruning effort.
- 3) His staff has also been tasked with clean up of planting beds around town.
- 4) Randy asked Paul if there is anyplace for residents to dispose of leaves and branches locally since Loveland charges and Larimer country landfill due to be relocated to Wellington in 2024. Paul will take as an action item to see if city can accommodate this.

**7. Adjourn:**

- Toni Baker adjourned the meeting at 6:14 P.M. on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, April 17th, 2023, at 5:00pm.**

Signature:

  
for Berthoud TAC 4/18/23