

BERTHOUD TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 2023 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order:

Toni Baker called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M. on Monday, April 17th, 2023.

2. Roll Call:

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

3. Approval of Minutes from March 2023 Meeting:

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

4. Public Comment – Non agenda items:

- a. Lynn will not be able to attend the May 15th meeting.
- b. Amy won't be able to attend the Arbor Day event. She will hand her notes off to Paul or Kathy to present.
- c. Sean commented that at the last town board meeting, the sidewalk plan was approved which will most likely impact several trees; root removal required.
- d. 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. Hammond Farms open space trees discussion
 - 1) Public Comment – by Linda Wilson-1461 Merrlet St.
 - a) The mantra of master gardeners is “Right plant in the right place”. She questions if this was done with the trees that have been cut down and removed.
 - b) She suggests that before planting replacements, the soil should be checked for compatibility and the irrigation system checked for operation.
 - c) She emphasizes concentrated education before and while planting.
 - 2) Joe Nesvara is a resident of this subdivision.
 - a) He believes the topsoil was all scraped off and trees/grass are planted on clay.
 - b) The HOA board is looking to charge residents for the cost of tree replacement.
 - 3) Paul suggested that the irrigation may have been set to establish the grass, which is not always favorable for the trees, as they get saturated roots. Northern Water could be consulted by the HOA for assistance to adjust.

- 4) Amy stated that Utah State has a list of clay friendly trees that the subdivision could look to provide.
 - a) She suggests digging wider holes and less supplement so the roots will grow into the surrounding soil rather than staying in the amended soil around the root ball.
- 5) Paul will be continually updating the website to list “Trees to Avoid” to make sure developers and their landscape architects have guidance on what is preferred in the Berthoud area.

b. Second quarter social media posts

- 1) Public Comment – by Linda Wilson-1461 Merrlet St.
 - a) She addressed her concern to Lynn, that the social media posts were to have been targeted to the HOA and Metro Districts on the list.
 - b) Lynn responded that until the list was approved, targeted emails could not be sent.
 - c) Paul will attempt to get the list to Stephanie so she can add them to the list of specific recipients of the social media posts for inclusion in their resident communications.
- 2) May posting shown. Removing tree straps after first year. “Epidemic” of not removing them and choking the trees. Joe suggested the theme “Free the Tree” be adopted.
- 3) June posting to be upcoming EAB treatment with an area map as well as announcement that traps will be set to see if insects have made their way into town.
- 4) Paul was looking for suggestions on the July-Aug-Sep posts.
 - a) Toni suggested the use of ladybugs to offset aphid infestations.
 - b) Hannah suggested ways to find qualified arborists.
 - c) Many people have asked Paul to help identify the tree in front of their house; a way could be found to assist in finding this information.

6. Staff Report:

a. Paul update:

- 1) His crew has wrapped up the structural pruning for the year.
- 2) Tree wraps will be removed next week after the coming freeze this week.
- 3) Poster contest for Arbor Day has been published and advertised.
- 4) Removal of dead cemetery trees and Nielsen Greenway will begin soon.
- 5) STEP program has donated a Heritage Birch tree for planting; decision needed on where to put this.
- 6) Arbor crew not planning a lot of new planting this year as much was done last year. Focus will be on maintenance of the existing.
- 7) The EAB treatment Request for Proposal (RFP) is out and bids should be received soon.
- 8) The Arbor crew has been tasked with maintaining the ornamental planting areas, such as the Main Street roundabout and other high visibility areas.

7. Adjourn:

- Toni Baker adjourned the meeting at 6:32 P.M. on the 17th day of April 2023.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 15th, 2023, at 5:00pm.**

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul', followed by the date '5/16/23' written in a similar cursive style.