

BERTHOUD TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 2025 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order:

Kathy Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:31 P.M. on Monday, April 21st, 2025.

2. Roll Call:

1. Kathy Mitchell – Chair – present
2. Hannah Daniels – Vice Chair – present
3. Randy Niece – Secretary – absent
4. Daniel (Danny) Buendia - present
5. Lynn Larsen – present
6. Richard (Rick) Kurcab – present
7. Amy Lentz – present

Quorum – 6/7 in attendance

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

3. Approval of Minutes from March 2025 Meeting:

- Approved by all with no changes.

4. Public Comment or Non agenda items:

- a. None recorded.

5. Discussion Items:

- a. Spring Planting Plans
 - 1) Public comment – none.
 - 2) Pioneer Park
 - 3) Dog Park
 - 4) Hillsdale Park
 - a) Irrigation is in place
 - b) There are about 15 trees available to plant.
 - 5) 1st Street roundabout
 - 6) Current inventory is about 11,000 trees
 - 7) Discussed access for tree committee to update tree plotter map and move toward a more town owned system.
 - 8) Question raised about adding homeowners' trees to map.
 - a) We could possibly do a pilot neighborhood first.
 - 9) Amy suggested that interns could possibly help with this.
- b. EAB 2025 Update
 - 1) Public comment – none
 - 2) Paul now has all quotes and has picked a subcontractor.
 - 3) The plan is to start at the end of May or early June.
 - 4) There are no known cases of EAB in town yet.
 - 5) Paul will ask contractor about homeowners' discount on treatment.

- c. Arbor Day 2025 Planning
 - 1) Public comment – none
 - 2) The plan is to plant seven trees at Pioneer Park.
 - 3) We will not have a banner but will have handouts and refreshments.
 - 4) The event starts at 10:00am but Paul is asking that committee attendees arrive by 9:30am.
 - 5) Paul has about twenty-five tree posters from schools to display.
 - 6) Held discussion about Berthoud Days booth.
 - a) Attempts are being made for location near other town booths.
 - 7) Stephanie will try to get word out to social media to promote the event.

6. Staff Report:

- a. Paul provided update on completed and ongoing work.
 - 1) Crew is performing low branch pruning throughout the town.
 - 2) Irrigation repairs are being done as well as Pioneer Park gardens drip system remodel.
 - 3) The Forestry department has received the new "Tree City" certification for our 42nd year.
 - 4) Crew has watered trees at Hillsdale tree yard.
 - 5) Performed structural pruning at Fickel Park and Main Street.
 - 6) Fertilized trees at Hillsdale and Bike Park.
 - 7) Hung the Arbor Day banner on Main Street.
 - 8) Kathy praised the bulb planting in the pots on main street.
 - 9) Watered new trees and specific trees at multiple parks.

7. Adjourn:

- Kathy adjourned the meeting at 6:26 P.M. on the 21st day of April 2025.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 19th, 2025, at 5:30 pm

Signature:


Ray R. Nease
for BTAC 5/21/25