

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:

