

BERTHOUD TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 2025 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order:

Hannah Daniels called the meeting to order at 5:50 P.M. on Monday, July 19th, 2025.

(Note: the computer recording system was not operating. Town clerk, Christian Samora provided audio recorder for the town record.)

2. Roll Call:

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

NO Quorum – 3/7 in attendance

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

3. Approval of Minutes from June 2025 Meeting:

- As a quorum was not available, we were unable to vote on the approval of these minutes. Deferred to the next meeting.

4. Public Comment or Non agenda items:

- a. Ashley King, 986 Greenwood Dr.
 - 1) She expressed concern about the condition of the trees in her subdivision, Rose Farm Acres.
 - 2) There are dead trees that have been there for 3 years and asked if something could be done.
 - 3) She expressed an interest in joining the tree committee.

5. Discussion Items:

- a. Arbor Day calendar updates
 - 1) Public comment – none.
 - 2) Paul said he was able to contact the same designer and printer used by the Windsor tree committee.
 - 3) The designer costs were about \$600-700.
 - 4) The printing costs were quoted for stapled, bound and coil bound.
 - 5) It appeared we would be able to do 250 posters again this year.
- b. EAB Scouting
 - 1) Public comment – none
 - 2) Paul urged committee members and the public to watch for signs of EAB attack on the towns ash trees.
 - 3) He showed a picture of the D-shaped exit hole a beetle will make.
 - 4) The top of an ash tree will die with “epicormic” growth occurring.
 - a) *Epicormic refers to shoots or branches that grow from dormant buds on a tree trunk or branch, often triggered by stress, injury, or changes in light and environmental conditions.*
 - 5) The beetle has been reported in both Longmont and Loveland and Paul believes it is just a matter of time before it is found in Berthoud trees.
 - 6) Randy asked if there was an established disposal method for infected trees. Paul’s reply was that Loveland and Longmont dumps already have them so there is no special treatment required.
 - 7) It was suggested that backyard ash trees be looked at.

6. Staff Report:

- a. Paul provided an update on staff completed and ongoing work.
 - 1) Crew has been doing clearance pruning throughout town.
 - 2) Picture showing severe herbicide damage to ash tree.
 - 3) Cut down willow behind public works building.
 - 4) Installing 4" diameter tree protection pipes to prevent damage by string trimmers.
 - 5) Multiple locations found where naturalized ash developing from seed. Cut down to prevent possible location for EAB to establish.
 - 6) A large ash tree in cemetery had a split branch that had to be cut down.
 - 7) An elm tree at the reservoir has mysteriously died from unknown causes.
 - 8) Paul has noticed a lot of aphids and flying aphids on trees this year.
- b. Sean wanted to note that three positions may be opening up this September for anyone interested in joining the Tree Advisory committee.

7. Adjourn:

- Hannah adjourned the meeting at 6:32 P.M. on the 19th day of July 2025.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 18th, 2025, at 5:30 pm

Signature:


for BTAC 8/20/25