

BERTHOUD TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 2022 Meeting Minutes

Call to order [5:04PM]:

Toni Baker (new chair) called the meeting to order at 5:04 P.M. on Monday, July 18th, 2022.

Roll Call:

1. Toni Baker – Chair – present
2. Amy Lentz – Vice Chair – remote via Zoom
3. Randy Niece – Secretary – present
4. Joe Nesvara - present
5. Lynn Larsen – remote via Zoom
6. Dale Freund - absent
7. Hannah Daniels – absent
 - Quorum 5/7 in attendance
- Sean Murphy – Town Liaison – present
- Paul Furnas – Forester - present

Approval of Minutes from June 2022 Meeting:

- One correction noted under Public Comment, citizen Linda Wilson wanted it shown that she is a retired master gardener and not an apprentice.
- Motion for approval by Joe, seconded by Lynn.

Public Comment:

1. In-Person: Linda Wilson – Heron Pointe
 - In new developments, is anyone looking at the cause of trees dying? She has found roots soaked and rotted on some she has investigated. We want to prevent same thing happening on new trees going back in same location. Paul responded that probably not due to staffing limitations.
 - Second question on citizen education. Amy said committee pursuing CSU program “Landscape for Life” and will update when more information is available.

Introduction of New Committee Members

- Randy Niece gave brief overview of his reasons for joining.
- Hannah Daniels not available during meeting. Will introduce her at next meeting.

Staff Report and Committee Updates [5:30]:

- Toni provided recap of the purpose of the Berthoud Tree Advisory Committee (BTAC). She has discovered new information to be shared with others.
 - Committee exists to support the city forester and not the other way around.
 - New information will be shared each week in small presentations. She will email this information to committee members for review prior to presentation.
 - She asked that Paul include an item in the next four (4) meeting agendas to allow time for this presentation (approx. 10 minutes)
- Paul gave update:
 - Progress of the pruning contractor – almost complete, good job done.
 - EAB update given here:

- Diameter Breast Height (DBH) measurements have been ongoing and nearing completion for Ash trees.
- Treatment for EAB is good for two (2) years so Paul will divide town in half for new treatment program.
- Only trees with a DBH of 12" or more will be treated
- Total 7,000 inches of DBH measured; 6,500 inches of which will be treated.
- Budget for treatment \$30,000; only \$800 used by homeowners' previous years.
- Statement made that only public and ROW trees will be treated.
- Randy asked question about comment during Town Board meeting held Tuesday, June 28 he recalled citizen asking board if private trees would continue to be treated. Response was "yes". Sean will check past meetings for possible conflict. *(post-meeting clarification: Homeowners responsible for schedule and cost of treatment, the town will not treat ash trees on private property.)*
- Joe asked question about the 50/50 sharing program from past. Paul deferred answer until position could be clarified.
 - Tree planting has slowed down. Staff struggling to keep trees watered.
- Sean asked how many of Ash trees in town are private vs. public. Paul did not have exact answer but felt there were about 2 private trees for every 1 public tree.
- Lynn discussed the subdivision contact table his committee was working on and will provide once updates complete. Offered to make badges for anyone needed to interface with public.
- Amy and Paul met at Pioneer Park about 2 weeks ago for a pruning education session with gardeners.

Discussion of Homeowner Education [5:40]:

- Toni went through 5-point presentation with draft of pie chart
- Sean asked to set a date when board would see this. Agreed on **August 23**.
 - Amy won't be available to assist; Lynn volunteered to help.
- Several members suggested a recap of the most critical items that the town board would need to act on should be provided at the end of the presentation.
- Joe felt pie slices 1 & 2 would be priorities. This highlights the social media aspect of plan.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Treatments for Town Trees:

- See above Staff Updates

Other Business:

- Randy asked if recruiting was being done for any open positions? Dale will be contacted to see if he wants to continue or if the seat opens. Total of 7 members allowed.
- Randy asked about responsibility of the developers for replace of dead trees since the approved plans for the development are no longer valid when trees are not replaced.
 - Both Sean and Paul are familiar with situation and town personnel are in discussions about this topic. No immediate answer is available. Pending topic for future meetings.

Adjourn [6:18 PM]:

- Toni Baker adjourned the meeting at 6:18 P.M. on the 18th day of July 2022. Next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, August 15th, 2022, at 5:00pm**.

Signature: