Call To Order: Pat Karspeck called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Roll call: Present were Pat Karspeck, Chair; Bob Schneider, Cochair; Grant Steffen, Secretary; Allen Owen; Milan Karspeck, Laura Davis, Paul Alabeck, Town Board Liaison; and Josh Embrey, Town Forester.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved as submitted.

Staff Report: Josh reported that his team has completed tree planting for the spring season, a total of over 100 trees. He has planted 22 EAB traps on ash trees. The town paper will publish the town’s cost sharing program that addresses the importance of treating ash trees in anticipation of an EAB infestation. This program will terminate on July 5, but the town will address this issue again next year.

Berthoud Day 2019 Recap: Pat questioned the need for committee presence at future Berthoud Day and October Fest celebrations, given that the EAB issue has been well published. Discussion centered around a possible change in focus away from the EAB issue. Given the rapid increase in Berthoud’s population, there is a compelling need to educate new home owners about recommended trees for planting, tree lawn care, as well as the EAB threat. Might the Chamber of Commerce consider inserting such information in its “Welcome Wagon” package?

Committee Town Board Meeting Recap: The Berthoud Historical Society members attended this meeting and affirmed that one of its aims is to encourage the historical preservation of old homes. Pat
made the observation, at the meeting, that many trees at these ‘historical’ homes also deserve preservation, i.e. proper care.

Pat also reported that our committee will coordinate with the P.O.R.T. committee on landscape plans for the Waggoner Park development.

**Discussion of Town Ordinance 1266:** Josh presented to the committee the finalized version of this ordinance that codifies the requirements for tree lawn care by the property owner. The Tree Replacement Program, part of the previous ordinance, was dropped as not germane to the tree lawn issue.

**Agenda Items for the July Meeting:** Milan suggested that the town reintroduce an old contest for school children to find and identify the tallest and best of particular tree species. Pat pointed out that many school yards have green ash trees and that the school district should address the need for care of these trees but has no funds for this project. Perhaps businesses could ‘sponsor’ treatment for specific trees. She also observed that visitors to Berthoud, as they approach from the east, are presented with a striking canopy of trees, but those approaching from the west on Rt. 56 see no such canopy. Might the committee address this issue?

**Adjourn:** Pat adjourned the meeting at 6:55. The next meeting is scheduled for July 15.

*Patricia A. Havlick*
Chair
Tree Advisory Committee