Call To Order: Bob called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Roll Call: Present were Bob Schneider, Chair; Laura Davis, Vice Chair; Grant Steffen, Secretary; Allen Owen, Anthony Frederick; Milan Karspeck, Pat Karspeck; Paul Alaback, Town Board Liaison; and Josh Embrey, Town Forester.

Minutes: The minutes for the October 21, 2019 meeting were approved as submitted.

Staff Report: Josh proposed that the next meeting should be on January 27, 2020, one week after the usual third Monday. The TAC approved.

The TB (Town Board) will be interviewing applicants for position on the TAC. Laura Davis will attend. The TAC discussed questions to ask of and requirements for each applicant. Some suggested that each applicant attend three probationary meetings to allow the TAC to assess qualifications. Paul will carry this recommendation to the TB.

The TB is currently addressing the budget for Josh’s programs. He pointed out that the TB had budgeted $10,000 for the EAB treatment of the tree lawn ash trees but that only $800 had been used.

The TAC addressed the need for better informing the residents of the EAB threat and the treatment needed. We agreed that notices in the “Surveyor” are, while valuable, not sufficient. Pat suggested that we create a door knob hanger that would describe the problem and be distributed to all residents. We will address this issue in January.

Anthony observed that many ash trees will go untreated because some residents can not afford treatment. Given that only $800 of the
$10,000 budgeted was spent this year, the TB may well consider financial assistance to home owners to increase utilization of these funds and treatment of existing ash trees.

Paul reported that the TB responded positively to Pat's concern that EAB treatment for ash trees on two school campuses has not been on the school's budget. Specifically, Turner Middle School alone has thirteen ash trees on its campus.

Accomplishments and Objectives - 2019 and 2020: Bob listed the accomplishments for 2019 as follows;

- Began the Berthoud Town Nursery with plantings at the Hillsdale site;
- Berthoud designated as "Tree City USA";
- Arbor Day celebration with the community;
- EAB treatment continued for the second year;
- Provided recommendations to the TB for development proposals at the Waggener's Farm
- Annual report of the TAC activities to the TB.

Objectives for 2020 include;

- Continue the Nursery and EAB treatment programs;
- Continue to push for recognition of Berthoud as "Tree City USA"
- Schedule Arbor Day celebration with community;
- Recommend as a slogan for the TAC - "Let's Grow Together".
- Provide community input to the TB for development proposals
Create plan for the main street corridor trees

**Adjourn:** Bob adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM. The next meeting will be on January 27, 2020.

**Approved:**

[Signature]

January 27, 2020