



## **Tree Advisory Committee Regular Meeting**

**807 Mountain Avenue  
Berthoud, Colorado 80513  
Monday, April 20, 2026, at 5:30 PM**

This is an **In-Person** meeting at the location and time noted above.

**This meeting will be streamed live on YouTube. The live stream is accessible by visiting [www.berthoud.org/stream](http://www.berthoud.org/stream).**

### **1. Roll Call**

Richard (Rick) Kurcab – Chairman  
Daniel (Danny) Buendia – Vice-chair  
Randy Niece – Secretary  
Kathy Mitchell  
Hannah Daniels  
Paul Buckner  
Natalie Peitsmeyer

### **2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

B. March 16th, 2026 Meeting Minutes

### **3. Public Comment Period**

Non-Agenda Items

### **4. Discussion Items**

C. Arbor Day 2026 Planning  
D. Summer Event Planning  
E. Spring/Summer Planting Plan

### **5. Staff Report**

### **6. Adjourn**

**Next Scheduled Meeting is May 18th, 2026, at 5:30 PM.**

If you require special accommodation, please contact the Town Clerk at 970-532-2643 at least 24 hours in advance.

# BERTHOUD TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## March 2026 Meeting Minutes

### 1. Call to order:

Rick called the meeting to order at 5:32 P.M. on Monday, March 16, 2026.

### 2. Roll Call:

1. Richard (Rick) Kurcab – Chairman - present
  2. Daniel (Danny) Buendia – Vice-chair - present
  3. Randy Niece – Secretary – present
  4. Kathy Mitchell – present
  5. Hannah Daniels – present
  6. Paul Buckner – absent
  7. Natalie Peitsmeyer – present
- Quorum – 6/7 in attendance
- Sean Murphy – Town Liaison – present
  - Paul Furnas – Town Forester & Open Space Supervisor – present

### 3. Approval of Minutes from February 2026 Meeting:

- A quorum was available. Randy moved to approve notes. Kathy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voice approved.

### 4. Public Comment or Non agenda items:

- a. There were no public comments.
- b. Paul clarified that meeting agenda will be available through link on the town website as opposed to him sending it out each month with the meeting notes.
- c. Randy asked if there was any concern about the predicted high incidence of pine bark beetles this summer. Paul felt it is probably more of a concern in the mountains but not so much in the city.
- d. Randy asked if the tree replacement program is active. Paul confirmed it is and he has received one request so far.
- e. The Arboretum support statement was presented by Rick and read into the record. Kathy agreed to take it to the board of trustees and present. Motion to approve by Danny, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy. All voice approved the adoption of this statement.

The statement is as follows:

*The members of the Tree Advisory Committee make a motion to support the approval of the proposed Berthoud Arboretum project. We believe the project, as designed, will be a major asset to the community providing recreational, educational and artistic opportunities. As a gateway to Berthoud, it will continue to grow with the town for generations to come.*

### 5. Discussion Items per agenda:

- a. Growth Award recommendations for 2026
  - 1) Public comment – none
  - 2) Danny did a review and came up with 26 possible points. Some of those points are:
    - a) The tree trimming done by Excel would count as 1 point.
    - b) Species list is worth 3 points.
    - c) Young tree training.
    - d) A.11 Tree worker safety is 4 points.
    - e) A.2 Donation account.
    - f) Tree inventory.

- b. Arbor Day Poster Contest 2026
  - 1) Public comment – none
  - 2) Paul is still looking for a theme for this year’s contest.
    - a) Natalie suggested “If Trees Could Talk” or “What is this tree telling me?”
  - 3) Paul is heading into the elementary schools next week to make his presentation.
  - 4) New gift alternatives are being considered as trees cannot always be planted.
    - a) Paul is hoping to get family tickets for the Botanical Gardens to supplement tree handout.
- c. Arbor Day 2026 Planning
  - 1) Public comment – none
  - 2) Arbor Day event is set for Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - 3) Paul is planning for 7-8 trees to be planted. Types are still to be determined.
  - 4) Location options:
    - a) Along the sidewalk west of Ivy Stockwell Elementary and south of town park.
    - b) The Bike Park.
    - c) In town park along the soft surface trail at the western end of park.
  - 5) The school has asked that there not be flowering trees next to playground due to allergies and attraction of bee’s and other insects.
  - 6) Paul still has to prepare the proclamation for presentation to the board of trustees.

**Action Items:**

- 1. Paul will prepare his list of Growth Awards to pitch.

**6. Staff Report:**

- a. Paul provided an update on staff completed and ongoing work.
  - 1) Young tree pruning was done, about 200 trees.
  - 2) An ash tree at the cemetery had a broken limb that had to be removed.
  - 3) Also at cemetery, preparing stump for grinding.
  - 4) Crew attended chain saw training by the Overland Firefighters.
  - 5) Watering trees continued and plans made to start up irrigation systems early.

**7. Adjourn:**

- Rick adjourned the meeting at 7:14 P.M. on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 5:30 pm**

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Signature: