

Berthoud Tree Advisory
Committee Minutes. June
15, 2020

Call To Order; Bob Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Roll Call: Present were Bob Schneider, Chair; Grant Steffen, Secretary; Ryan Berry, Dale Freund; and Josh Embrey, Town Forester. Ryan and Dale are new members. Of minor note is the fact that both Ryan and Dale, as well as Grant Steffen, are from Illinois.

Approval of Minutes from The February 2020 Meeting; The minutes were approved without corrections.

Staff Reports; Josh reported that, for the 37th consecutive year, The Audubon Society has awarded Berthoud the title of "Tree City, USA".

Concerning the nursery at the Hillsdale site, 16 dead trees were removed and replaced with Ohio Buckeye and Chokecherry. The trees that died included Linden, Maple, and Hawthorne. Their demise may have been the result of inadequate soil preparation for bare-roots planting.

There is an international effort to develop an ash tree resistant to the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) beetle. The Blue Ash seems to show the greatest resistance. Concerning treatment, drenching the soil with the appropriate insecticide is not effective. Spraying the foliage harms other species. Trunk injection is the most effective and attacks the beetle in various stages of its growth. The committee has expressed concern over the failure of the school district to consider treating ash trees on school property. It again pointed out that regulations permit planting of ash trees on a homeowner's property, excluding the tree lawn, in contrast to some communities that ban **any** planting of ash trees.

Adjourn: Bob adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for July 20.