

Berthoud Tree Advisory
Committee (TAC) Minutes,
February 10, 2020

Call To Order: Bob called the meeting to order at 6:10PM.

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

Approval of Minutes; The "Growth Award" sentence, line 10, was corrected to "Josh has made application to the Arbor Day Association for The Growth Award designation which will be awarded in April. Berthoud has had this designation for eight consecutive years."

Staff Reports: Josh reminded the TAC that the annual Greeley Tree workshop is on February 21.

Berthoud's Cost share Program for EAB

Treatment: This new proposed program, attached, has two additions; treatment of trees with a DBH of 18" or more will be covered 100 % of cost, and ash trees that abut the sidewalk (no tree lawn) will be included in the program.

The TAC recognizes that a comprehensive EAB program would include treatment, removal, replacement, and trimming, but, for now, will address only treatment. A significant downside of this new program is that it depends on home owner application which may be tardy or never made. Grant made a motion for a new program (to replace the attached) to the effect that the Town Forester may, at his discretion, **treat any or all ash trees at or above 12" DBH without need for home owner application.** "Discretion" would address at the least, tree size, condition of canopy, and location.

The motion was seconded, passed unanimously, and will be sent to the TB for its action.

Adjourn; Bob adjourned the meeting at 7:25. Next meeting March 16.

Minutes approved;