

BERTHOUD TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 2024 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order:

Kathy Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 12nd, 2024.

2. Roll Call:

1. Kathy Mitchell – Chair – present
 2. Lynn Larsen – Vice Chair – present
 3. Randy Niece – Secretary – present
 4. Toni Baker – attend via Zoom
 5. Hannah Daniels – absent
 6. Richard (Rick) Kurcab – present
 7. Amy Lentz – attend via Zoom
- Quorum - 6/7 either in attendance or via Zoom
- Sean Murphy – Town Liaison – present
 - Paul Furnas – Town Forester & Open Space Supervisor – present

3. Approval of Minutes from January 2024 Meeting:

- Motion for approval made by Randy; seconded by Lynn. Approved by all.

4. Public Comment or Non agenda items:

- a. Pat Karspeck at 1000 Massachusetts Ave, Berthoud.
 - 1) North of the Waggener Farm Rec Center, sidewalk along Bunyan was left in an undeveloped state and has no trees for shade. She questions if this is correct or if the committee can consider planting some in that area to match the Vantage planting on the north side side of the street.
 - 2) She asked the committee to consider our Urban Forest in total. Exclusion of the EAB program for churches, schools and private citizens ash trees leaves pockets where infestation could thrive. She feels these should be included in the towns EAB program.
 - 3) Information Only: The trees in the cemetery are NOT memorial trees planted in memory of someone buried there. While she was on the committee years ago, they took trees from Spartan Ave development to plant there.
 - 4) She questioned if the Landscape Design Guidelines recently adopted by the town are available on the Forestry website as was discussed. Paul responded that he is still working on that.
- b. Committee discussion of above issues.
 - 1) Paul would like to trim the trees over the Turner Middle School bus lane as they present a hazard.
 - 2) Sean will ask the town legal department if town can take on the care of school trees or if the liability issues will be too much to overcome.
 - 3) Paul pointed out several trees on various school properties around town that are suffering and in need of professional tree care. He will contact the school district to see some agreement can be reached.
 - 4) The trees at Waggener Farm area will be out of warranty this spring and the area can now be considered a “blank canvas” for Forestry Dept. to begin planning new tree placement.

5. Discussion Items:

- a. Continue plans for 2024 Arbor Day celebrations
 - 1) No public comment.
 - 2) Paul will need to write up a proclamation for the board of trustees to consider and approve.
 - a) Date being set as Saturday, April 26 since the official day is Friday April 25th.
 - 3) Location is still to be decided on to plant the tree.
 - a) Roberts Lake. Paul is thinking now of putting it west of the lake.
 - b) Bien Park mentioned again where the tree had been removed.
 - c) Berthoud Bike Park. The problem here is that the area gets very muddy when it rains.
 - d) Still looking for input from the committee members.
 - 4) Paul would like more outreach to local schools.
 - a) Poster contests for K-5 have been used in the past.
 - b) Example was passed around where Windsor had used posters to make a calendar.
 - c) Windsor used a short slogan for the kids to make their posters around.
 - d) Town web manager Stephanie working with Paul to set up school participation.
 - e) A suggestion was made to reward the school with the most posters with an ice cream day.
 - 5) Suggestion was made for a banner to be placed over Main Street announcing Arbor Day.
 - a) Forestry team puts up/takes down banners.
 - b) Town appears to be moving away from using banners.
 - c) If done, it would need to be generic enough to be used more than once.
 - d) Looking for volunteer from committee to champion this effort.

6. Staff Report:

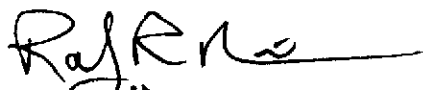
- a. Paul provided update:
 - 1) Forestry and Parks team doing cutbacks on perennials.
 - 2) Showed picture of Prairie Star tree that had support wire wrapped around tree as example of how not to do it.
 - 3) Several trees were painted (tagged) and Paul was able to remove with grinder to take off surface layer of bark.
 - 4) Continued snow removal assistance when called for.

7. Adjourn:

- Kathy adjourned the meeting at 6:20 P.M. on the 12th day of February 2024.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 18th, 2024, at 5:00 pm**

Signature:


for the BTAC 3/19/24