

BERTHOUD TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 2024 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order:

Kathy Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:02 P.M. on Monday, June 17th, 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 – present
 6. Richard (Rick) Kurcab – present
 7. Amy Lentz – absent
- Quorum - 6/7 either in attendance or via Zoom
- Sean Murphy – Town Liaison – absent
 - Paul Furnas – Town Forester & Open Space Supervisor – present

3. Approval of Minutes from May 2024 Meeting:

- Two edits were made. Motion for approval made by Randy seconded by Lynn. Approved by all.

4. Public Comment or Non agenda items:

- a. Mark Broughton of 748 Mountain Ave. 3-year resident.
 - 1) Opening comment that ash trees are important to Berthoud
 - 2) After much discussion, he requested that the city review its policy of making the homeowner responsible for the care of the street trees.
 - 3) He stated that larger cities such as Boulder and Ft. Collins take responsibility for these trees.
- b. Ben Zink of 739 Mountain Ave. 20-year resident.
 - 1) Complimented Berthoud on being a Tree City
 - 2) He plans on joining the upcoming DDA when formed.
- c. Paul demonstrated how the city website uses the Colorado Tree Inventory system and showed how the ash trees in town are counted. That website is available to the public.
- d. The topic of Oak Blisters was raised as they have been found in Longmont.
 - 1) Treatment is done by injection. Affecting Red and Pin Oaks. Surface treatment is not viable.

5. Discussion Items:

- a. Poster contest calendar discussion
 - 1) Not all committee members have had a chance to review the posters to prepare for voting.
 - 2) By the July meeting we hope to have all seven members vote sheets so we can chose calendar posters.
- b. EAB (Emerald Ash Borer) treatments project updates
 - 1) The subcontractor started treatments last month and should finish up in a few weeks.
 - 2) The city has received numerous questions about the red sashes on trees.
 - 3) Loveland Reporter Herald asked about these and will include an article about them that Paul commented on.
 - 4) Paul and his staff will remove the sashes after a week.

Public Comment

Mark Broughton 748 Mountain Ave

- a) He questioned whether treatment by the city will include private trees.

- c. Colorado Native Tree planting selection-Open Space planting
 - 1) Paul is looking for native tree suggestions.
 - 2) The Forestry dept. will focus on open spaces, such as street strip north of the Rec Center.
 - 3) The city once had a memorial tree program that was stopped due to pressure on staff if/when the tree died.
 - 4) It may be possible to have memorial bricks made up to put in front of individual trees in the arboretum in exchange for a donation.

Public Comment

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- a) He asked if there is an opportunity to sponsor a tree.

6. Staff Report:

- a. Paul provided update with pictures:
 - 1) The crew was setting flags on Mountain Ave.
 - 2) Pruning branches that were blocking signs and public ROW.
 - 3) Performing many irrigation repairs at the Rec Center. The watering system switched over to non-potable.
 - 4) Tree climbing demonstration and training was performed at Fickel Park.
 - 5) The community garden at Pioneer Park was dismantled and cleaned up.
- b. Lynn presented the committee with new name tags.
- c. Paul asked if a Master Gardener would be available for Oktoberfest and Kathy will follow up.

7. Adjourn:

- Kathy adjourned the meeting at 6:12 P.M. on the 17th day of June 2024.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, July 17th 15th, 2024, at 5:00 pm**

Signature:



for BTAC 7/16/24