

BERTHOUD TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 2024 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order:

Kathy Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:02 P.M. on Monday, April 15th, 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 – present
- 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 **March 2024 Meeting:**

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

4. Public Comment or Non agenda items:

- a. Amy conducted a Tree Care and Selection presentation at the Berthoud Library Thursday, April 11.
 - 1) This 1 ½ hour presentation could be used as credit for the Tree City certification.
- b. A question was asked about the I-25 roundabout planting schedule
 - 1) What trees if any will be planted there? Could block view of the structures.
 - 2) This area will be the responsibility of the town of Berthoud Parks and Forestry to maintain.

5. Discussion Items:

- a. Continue plans for 2024 Arbor Day celebrations
 - 1) The street banner arrived today and was unrolled for all to view. Publicizing the Arbor Day Celebration.
 - 2) Paul will be giving presentations to two elementary schools, Ivy and Berthoud.
 - 3) The poster contest has started but no submissions have been received.
 - 4) Paul showed a tee shirt with Berthoud logo and last year's winning poster on the back. Will be used on shirts worn by some city employees.
 - 5) The mayor will be in attendance.
 - 6) Smokey Bear and possibly a National Forest Service fire fighting truck will also attend.
 - 7) Paul will check the baseball schedules to make sure no games have been scheduled that day to conflict with the tree planting.
 - 8) A local Girl Scout troop wanted to participate and will be digging the hole for the tree.
 - 9) It was suggested to contact the Lions club to see if they would be willing to post an announcement on their board by the RR tracks on main street about Arbor Day.

b. Waggener parking lot replanting selection

- 1) Current project underway to replace dead trees in Rec Center parking lot.
- 2) Some tree suggestions were put forward. Paul is looking for diversity.
 - a) Silver Buffalo Berry (native)
 - b) Little Leaf Pea shrub (native)
 - c) Linden silver, leaves are “fuzzy” and resistant to Japanese Beetles.
 - d) Hawthorne is a good choice
 - e) The Ginko trees already planted appear to be doing well.
 - f) The London Plane trees are not doing well. Amy stated they are related to Sycamores and are more suited to river bottom environs where groundwater is readily available.
 - g) There are some Osage Orange trees planted in the dog park that appear to be doing quite well despite harsh conditions.
- 3) Pat Karspeck had suggested more trees be planted along Bunyan north of the Rec Center
 - a) Paul is hoping to get the grass replanted before putting in trees.
- 4) Any committee member who has recommendations should put those forward for consideration.

6. Staff Report:

a. Paul provided update with pictures:

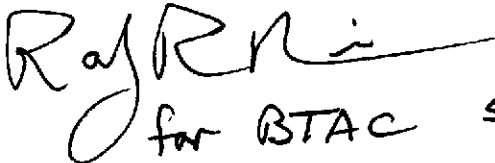
- 1) Wind damage from last week’s storm had to be cleaned up quickly.
- 2) Large evergreen tree in railroad park blew down on tracks and was quickly moved by contractor working in the area. Bottom grew over sprinkler head causing rot which was cause of failure.
- 3) Tree grafting of apple trees is being done on crabapples adjacent to the city yard.
- 4) Small engine exhaust initiative by state resulted in several pieces of gas equipment being taken out of service and recycled. Replaced by an electric option which appears to be working well.
- 5) The forestry crew is working on pruning trees near city yard and other places bordering streets.
- 6) Paul complimented his two-man team saying it was very productive.
- 7) Cemetery saw another evergreen tree removal, possibly due to Ips bark beetle. Top was dying.

7. Adjourn:

- Kathy adjourned the meeting at 6:29 P.M. on the 15th day of April 2024.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 20th, 2024, at 5:00 pm**

Signature:


for BTAC 5/21/24