

BERTHOUD TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 2024 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order:

Kathy Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:03 P.M. on Monday, July 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 – present
 6. Richard (Rick) Kurcab – present
 7. Amy Lentz – absent
- Quorum - 6/7 either in attendance or via Zoom
- Sean Murphy – Town Liaison – present (after 5:15pm)
 - Paul Furnas – Town Forester & Open Space Supervisor – present

3. Approval of Minutes from June 2024 Meeting:

- One edit was made. Motion for approval made by Randy, seconded by Lynn. Approved by all.

4. Public Comment or Non agenda items:

- a. Randy brought up the concern that the Emerald Ash borer has now been found in Loveland.
 - 1) Paul brought up the need to begin planting understory trees as the ash trees age out.
 - 2) The public trees have all been treated and should be well protected.
 - 3) Next year the Forestry department may put out traps.
- b. Randy mentioned that the Arbor Day posters had not been to all committee members.
 - 1) Hannah brought them in after her review. Randy would take to Toni to complete the review.
 - 2) Blue vote sheets were collected and will be tallied for final voting in the August meeting.
 - 3) It was questioned whether a media release form would be needed from students whose posters were used. Paul to investigate this with town staff.
- c. 2-year term is up for Toni Baker in September. Her last meeting is August. City staff to put out advertisement for the opening.
 - 1) Kathy, Randy and Hannah will need to reapply for the position.

5. Discussion Items:

- a. Cemetery Expansion Tree List Review
 - 1) No public comment.
 - 2) Lynn had the list of recommended trees that he passed around for committee to review.
 - 3) The preliminary plans for expansion were reviewed. To include irrigation for grass and trees.
 - 4) Suggestions made:
 - a) Mountain ash (slow growing but native).
 - b) Big Tooth maple.
 - c) Caddo maple.
 - d) Pattern perfect tatarium maple.
 - e) Hot wing maple. Paul feels these are brittle and break easily.
 - f) Box elder maple or sensation box elder (don't suffer chlorosis).
 - g) Russian Hawthorne (hard to grow but has three season color)
 - h) Evergreens or spruces. Paul would favor spade planting as the bike park trees were done.
 - i) We want to steer clear of Honey locust as these have been overplanted in town.
 - j) The west side will be exposed to high winds and trees need to resist this well.
 - k) Smaller, flowering trees would be attractive in this setting.

- b. Third-quarter social media posts
 - 1) No public comment.
 - 2) Postings for July, August, September were reviewed.
 - 3) It was suggested that with hot weather, supplemental watering of new trees is needed.
 - 4) Suggested for October-not to move firewood (esp. Ash) as it may transport pests.

6. Staff Report:

- a. Paul provided update with pictures:
 - 1) A third arborist has been hired. He will need to get ISA certification. Experience from working at Highlands Ranch.
 - 2) Forestry staff has been doing stump grinding at the cemetery.
 - 3) Cleaning up storm damage at Fickel Park.
 - 4) Continue with tree pruning to achieve required clearances.
 - 5) Removal of Russian olive at Roberts Park.
 - 6) EAB treatments are wrapped up.
 - 7) Kathy suggested that tree education classes could be conducted at Berthoud Library.

7. Adjourn:

- Kathy adjourned the meeting at 6:09 P.M. on the 15th day of July 2024.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, August 19th, 2024, at 5:00 pm**

Signature:


For the BTAC 8/20/24