

BERTHOUD TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 2024 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order:

Kathy Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:31 P.M. on Monday, November 18th, 2024.

2. Roll Call:

1. Kathy Mitchell – Chair – present
2. Hannah Daniels – Vice Chair – present
3. Randy Niece – Secretary – present
4. [Vacant seat]
5. Lynn Larsen – present
6. Richard (Rick) Kurcab – present
7. Amy Lentz – present

Quorum – 6/7 in attendance

- Sean Murphy – Town Liaison – present
- Paul Furnas – Town Forester & Open Space Supervisor – present

3. Approval of Minutes from October 2024 Meeting:

- Motion for approval was made by Randy, seconded by Rick. Approved by all.

4. Public Comment or Non agenda items:

None, no one in attendance.

5. Discussion Items:

a. Goals and important dates for TAC in 2025

- 1) Public comment – none.
- 2) Paul is still developing the monthly tree care tips. We will review the list next month.
- 3) Jan 1 we will go live so the QR code on the calendars will link to website.
- 4) Tree City growth awards.
 - a) These are the Arbor Day Foundation growth awards.
 - b) We could include the tree walks and tree talks that have been given.
 - c) Any information to be submitted should be sent to Paul for the submission.
 - d) Forestry is looking to crowd source the information collection for the Tree Inventory updates.
- 5) Forestry is looking to do a monthly tree planting to be coordinated with the tree walks.
- 6) It was suggested that the Forestry webpage could include information on where to see a planted or mature tree of the kind being suggested for the monthly tree planting.
- 7) Committee expressed an interest in getting more library classes as the past ones have been very successful.

b. Poster contest calendar discussion.

- 1) Paul has procured about 300 of the stapled calendars with heavier paper, ready for distribution.
- 2) Rick thought he might still have the list of businesses where they could be left.
- 3) Kathy and Rick volunteered to hand out calendars and deliver to businesses.
- 4) Paul thought he could let each school have 2 boxes or 75 each.
- 5) Town Hall should have 25 available.
- 6) Turner Middle School should get 50 as some 5th grade students from the contest have moved up a grade and we would like to see them get a copy.
- 7) Berthoud High School could get 50, although it was thought these should be reserved for adults/parents as the kids may not be as appreciative.
- 8) Make sure several calendars are left at the Surveyor office so they can include in the weekly paper.

6. Staff Report:

- a. Paul provided update with pictures:
 - 1) Christmas light installation is in full swing.
 - 2) The crew was removing the mounds of grass at Pioneer Park and turning the areas into tree planting spots.
 - 3) Paul is hoping to plant 5-7 trees next year for Arbor Day so that more people can get hands-on experience with how to plant a tree correctly.
 - 4) Pioneer Park will likely be the location for 2025 Arbor Day celebration.
 - 5) Forestry is looking for suggestions on good trees to plant.
 - a) Amy suggested the Caddo County, OK sugar maple - flash fire.
 - b) It has a 25-30' oval crown and is not as susceptible to weak branch development.
 - c) This tree is new to the market, she has one in her yard and likes the color without the risk.
 - 6) Forestry crew is continuing to work on irrigation blowouts and tree wrapping.

7. Adjourn:

- Kathy adjourned the meeting at 6:13 P.M. on the 18th day of November 2024.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, December 16th, 2024, at 5:30 pm**

Signature:


for BTAC 12/19/24