

April 2022 Meeting Minutes

4/18/2022

Call to order:

Bob Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. on Monday, April 18th, 2022.

Roll Call:

Bob Schneider
Dale Freund
Toni Baker
Joe Nesvara
Josh Embrey
Amy Lentz
Lynn Larsen
Maureen Dower
Paul Furnas

Approval of Minutes from March 2022 Meeting:

Motion for approval by Amy Lentz, seconded by Lynn Larsen.

Public Comment:

- Randy Niece – on landscaping committee for Heritage Ridge Subdivision
 - Commented that there were no recent minutes on the website and requested that the website be updated
 - Inquired why red maples are on the “not allowed” list
 - Inquired about the city assistance for tree replacement program and asked if that program was going to be reinstated
 - Inquired about the Colorado tree plotter inventory map and advised it is not updated or correct, asked if there was a way to help update it
- Forester Embrey advised red maples are not the best street trees.
- Forester Embrey advised on the original intent of the tree replacement program was to help homeowners who had lost a tree to disease, pests, or old age. The program was taken advantage of and abused by those who had let their trees die from neglect. The program is on hold until the current applications have been fulfilled and a revision of the requirements can be drafted to prevent future abuse of the program.
- Forester Embrey advised that the tree plotter inventory would be reviewed annually which is usually in the summer so that trees can be properly identified by their leaves.
- Liaison Maureen asked why the red maples are not desirable. Forester Embrey advised on the cons of using the red maple for a street tree.
- Liaison Maureen asked about the tree replacement program and to verify its original intent being mostly about older trees and to replace town trees. Forester Embrey confirmed that was its original intent.

Staff Report and Committee Updates:

- Forester Embrey advised this is his last meeting as he has accepted a position in Idaho.
- The committee expressed their gratitude for working with Forester Embrey.
- Forester Embrey advised 124 trees received and showed pictures.
- Forester Embrey advised contracted pruning should finish in June.
- Forester Embrey advised the new nursery plans were on hold.
- Forester Embrey advised his last day would be May 3rd and that the job is posted as of now.

Arbor Day 2022 Celebration:

- Forester Embrey showed pictures of the area where we are going to plant the tree.
- Amy will be giving Arbor Day speech and then the Mayor will read the proclamation.

Continued Discussion of Homeowner Education Improvements:

- Lynn contacted planning department to inquire about HOA and Metro District contacts and they had inadequate information.
- Liaison Maureen advised that this has been a concern of the trustees as well.
- Committee discussed ways to get contact info.
- Liaison Maureen advised to send email to all trustees on town website expressing what the problems are and what needs to be done.
- Committee discussed getting an Instagram account specifically for BTAC.

Other Business:

- Liaison Maureen asked if BTAC has a booth at town festivals. Bob advised that they have been at the booths in the past and most questions were for the town forester.
- Lynn asked about collaborating with the planning commission to have a stronger presence in the forestry approval process. Forester Embrey advised the planning must get forestry staff approval.
- Liaison Maureen endorses that BTAC have a presence in the approval of developments.
- Members in the audience that are interested in applying for open positions on BTAC.
 - Linda Wilson – Heron Point – retired Master Gardener, tree team
 - Kathy Mitchell – Master Gardener, tree team
 - Linda Hathaway – Farmstead, Master Gardener Apprentice, tree team
 - Terry Mayes – Paradise Valley, Master Gardener, tree team, not a town resident but county resident
- Liaison Maureen advised preference given to town resident applications for BTAC but if no town residents apply then county residents would be considered.

Adjourn:

Bob Schneider adjourned the meeting at 7:30 P.M. on the 18th day of April 2022. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 16th, 2022.