

BERTHOUD TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
August 2022 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order:

Toni Baker called the meeting to order at 5:03 P.M. on Monday, August 15th, 2022.

2. Roll Call:

1. Toni Baker – Chair – present
2. Amy Lentz – Vice Chair – present
3. Randy Niece – Secretary – present
4. Joe Nesvara - present
5. Lynn Larsen – present
6. Dale Freund - present
7. Hannah Daniels – attend via Zoom call
Quorum 7/7 in attendance
 - Sean Murphy – Town Liaison – present
 - Paul Furnas – Forester – present
 - Keith Knoll – Public Works Operations Manager - present

3. Approval of Minutes from July 2022 Meeting:

- Motion for approval by Lynn; seconded by Amy. No changes; approved as-is.

4. Public Comment – Non agenda items:

1. In-Person: Amy Lentz
 - She has published an article titled “Getting to the ‘root’ of trees”. Picked up by three local papers. Link to this article as follows:
<https://www.dailycamera.com/2022/08/02/amy-lentz-colorado-state-university-extension-boulder-county-getting-to-the-root-of-trees/>
2. In-Person: Lynn Larsen
 - He brought to our attention a published article, available online titled “A Fungal Safari” that may be of interest: <https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/science.add7606>
3. The order of agenda items 6 and 7 will be reversed.
4. There was an introduction of new committee members not present last week
 - Hannah Daniels introduced herself later in the meeting and her reasons for joining.

5. Staff Report and Committee Updates:

- Paul gave update:
 - Two trees that were damaged by wind had to be removed in Pioneer Park.
 - Hillsdale nursery has high groundwater, flooding roots on some trees.
 - Trees along path south of Ivy Stockwell Elementary School found to have a disconnected drip line. It has been reconnected, hopefully in time to save those trees.
 - Contractor has been chosen to perform EAB treatments.
 - Staff member Brandon getting experience on stump grinder and other equipment.
 - Cemetery has some trees beyond saving. Catalpas have cavities, weakening trunk. Ash are in decline. Removal program to occur over 4-5 years due to high cost of removal.

6. Berthoud Tree Advisory Committee History Presentation:

- Toni gave a presentation that included Standard 1 of the Tree City USA requirements and portions of the Berthoud Resolution No. 2019-02 that applied to the Tree Advisory Committee.

7. Communications Plan Presentation for the Board of Trustees Review:

- Toni gave a rehearsal of the 5-point Communication Plan presentation expected to be given next Tuesday at Town Board Meeting on August 23. Less than 5 minutes.
- Keith pointed out that Board approval is not needed for those actions being discussed. Committee discussed with Keith ways to obtain the goals set out in this presentation.
- Agreement was reached that the purpose of the presentation will pivot to that of informing the Board of what TAC will be doing rather than asking for permission.

8. Proposing new program for town trees to replace Street Tree Replacement Program

- Paul said this is still in the concept phase. Too many people took advantage of program previously.
- Consideration given to buying wholesale trees for residents to buy. Amy felt this would be objectionable to tree suppliers.
- Joe suggested a quarterly tree purchase event. Toni thought might be better as annual event.
- Amy advised that Windsor does a Colorado Tree Coalition distribution in April each year. There is no control to dictate they must be street trees; their residents can plant anywhere they want. Amy said this adds to diversity and makes sure correct trees are being planted. Amy will get contact information to Paul.
- Hannah suggested the use of coupons provided by city to get discounts.
- Keith explained how the curb and gutter replacement program works financially. Trees could be done in a similar fashion.

9. Other Business:

- Discussion held on upcoming expiration of Dale Freund term in October. Keith clarified he will have to reapply and go through the interview process.
- There was a motion that the appointments for the chair, vice-chair and secretary continue the term until October of 2023 instead of revoting in October 2022 since we had just voted on it. Lynn called for a motion to approve; Dale seconded. Approved.

10. Adjourn:

- Toni Baker adjourned the meeting at 6:42 P.M. on the 15th day of August 2022.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September 19th, 2022, at 5:00pm.**

Signature: