

July 2021 Meeting Minutes

07/19/2021

Call to order:

Bob Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. on Monday, July 19th, 2021.

Roll Call:

Bob Schneider
Dale Freund
Allen Owen
Joe Nesvara
Toni Baker
Will Karspeck
Josh Embrey

Approval of Minutes from April 2021 Meeting:

Approved by Dale Freund, seconded by Toni Baker.

Public Comment:

No public comments.

Staff Report and Committee Updates:

- 2020 Berthoud Tree Advisory Committee Annual Report given to Town Board on 4/27/2021
- Josh advised severe ips beetle outbreak. Affects stressed trees that are not getting enough water. Several trees near headstones in the cemetery are affected but may be aging out anyway. Josh will keep us updated.
- Tree Committee discussed the dismissal of 2 committee members. Josh advised they have a grace period to file an appeal to be allowed back on the committee.
- Tree Committee discussed appointing a new secretary. Toni volunteered with Dale nominating and Allen seconded. Toni Baker was appointed as Tree Committee Secretary.
- Josh advised on the EAB treatment program – 500 trees treated last year for EAB; treatment will go to a rotating 3-year program so that 1/3 of the trees will be treated every year thereby spreading the cost out.

Discussion of Homeowner Assistance Program:

- Josh advised that the tree nursery has been depleted by the HOAP.
- Committee discussed how to advise homeowners of their responsibility to take care of the tree lawns.
- Mayor Karspeck suggested a study on the town taking over care of all trees in tree lawns.
- Committee recommended change to HOAP application to 8 inch DBH requirement for replacement of trees.

Other Business:

- Allen advised that Pat Karspeck requested safety pruning for Ash trees by Fickel House. Pat had spoken with Mark French, and he advised removal, but she does not want that. Allen has looked at the trees; 1 has a very large dead branch that is over the road and poses a hazard, the other could use moderate pruning. Mayor Karspeck will bring this issue up to the Town Board to see if they are willing to help.

Adjourn:

Bob Schneider adjourned the meeting at 7:41 P.M. on the 19th day of July 2021. Next meeting is scheduled for August 16th, 2021.