

CITY OF BAYFIELD TREE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday,

October 26, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was convened by B. Cozzi, City Forester and Chairman of the Tree Board at 5:08 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beth Cozzi, Tad Paavola, Jane Edwards, Sherman Edwards, and Jacob Geisler.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Dionne Johnston.

GUEST: Ronald Makela, community member.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by J. Edwards to approve the agenda for this meeting. T. Paavola seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by S. Edwards to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 28, 2023. J. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

A financial report was received by the Board. A maintenance charge of \$27.96 was the only expense incurred during the course of the previous month.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. A brief report on the September 30th work day was offered by the Chair.
2. In recent weeks Earth Sense Garden Center planted, staked, and mulched the six trees included in this year's program and budget plan. The final cost is not yet known; as of this date an invoice has not been received from the vendor. Cultivars selected include: two each of crabapple, plum, and cherry.
3. Board members were informed that the tree removals at Reiten Beach and Rice Avenue have been completed by Quality Tree Service. The cost for the removal of the Rice Avenue tree will be paid out of the 2023 budget; the cost for the removal of the Reiten Beach tree will be paid out of the 2024 budget. Stump grinding at both sites has been delayed until 2024. The scheduling of the tree and stump removal and the payment for these services reflect the constraints of the Tree Board's budget as the end of the calendar and budget year approaches.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Tree Board has received a request from a city property owner for assistance with the removal of the brush associated with the property owner's own efforts to eradicate Buckthorn and Knotweed on their private property. The city does not have the wherewithal to

accommodate the homeowner's request at this time of the year. It was decided that the Tree Board members would make this task part of the work detail scheduled for October 27, 2023.

2. The Tree Board work detail scheduled for October 27, 2023 will remove the mountain ash trees in the vicinity of South First Street and Manypenny Avenue. The replacement of these trees was discussed in detail during previous meetings of the Tree Board.
3. The Chair will plan a gathering during the upcoming holiday season for members of the Tree Board. It was suggested that the Chair select a date during the first two weeks of December.
4. The Chair continues to work on a grant proposal which would fund a collaborative project involving the Forestry Program of Bayfield Schools with the Tree Board in its management of Bayfield's urban forest.
5. The Board was informed of the work of the Sioux River Tree Service within the city. Work performed involved treatments for emerald ash borer and tree removal and trimming. The property owner had engaged the services of this particular vendor.
6. Ronald Makela inquired about the possibility of removing the aspen or poplar in an area roughly bordered by Washington Avenue, Rice Avenue, and Ninth Street. It is the consensus of the Board that aspen or poplar are an undesirable species and that this request could be pursued in discussions with adjoining property owners.

FOLLOW-UP MEETING:

There will be no meeting scheduled for either November or December. The first meeting of the new year will be scheduled for January 25, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by S. Edwards and seconded by J. Edwards. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacob Geisler