

CITY OF BAYFIELD TREE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday,

March 21, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was convened by B. Cozzi, City Forester and Chairperson of the Tree Board at 5:02PM.

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

GUESTS PRESENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by J. Edwards to approve the agenda. S. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by T. Paavola to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 22, 2024. J. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

A financial report was included with the materials distributed to the members present. The Chairperson will look into the specifics of the \$3,500 in expenditures charged to the Tree Board account year-to-date and report back to the members of the Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Tree Board work detail scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup> was cancelled. The Chairperson was out of town unexpectedly.
2. During the balance of this year, plans call for one or more trees to be planted on City property in the area of Memorial Park and the Bayfield Inn. The selection of the actual sites for these proposed plantings will need to be made in the near future. The choice of species to be planted will include American Linden and City Street Trees. The latter is a hybrid developed specifically for urban environments.
3. B. Cozzi and J. Edwards will meet in the near future with the goal of drafting a grant request with a due date of June 1, 2024.
4. The planned fundraiser for the Tree Board in collaboration with the Pier Plaza Restaurant is being tabled for the foreseeable future.
5. Planning for the 2024 Arbor Day event in conjunction with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade of Bayfield Schools continues. The event is scheduled for May 17, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A homeowner in the vicinity of Rittenhouse Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Street alerted a Tree Board member that recent water and sewer construction has apparently caused the death of a tree which now

needs to be removed. The Tree Board Chairperson was also alerted two ash trees in the vicinity of Rittenhouse and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue severely infected by emerald ash borer. These trees are not city trees but located on an undeveloped lot. They will need to be removed and properly disposed of. The Chairperson will contact the County Forestry Department for guidance and possible assistance.

2. During the next several weeks a final listing of individual trees to be removed later this year and the grinding of stumps of trees previously removed will need to be formulated so that final arrangements can be made with a commercial tree service to accomplish this work.
3. A Tree Board work detail has been scheduled for April 27, 2024.
4. The Tree Board is in need of additional members. At its March meeting, the City Council was to act on Kavon Dietal's request to serve on the Tree Board. Word has not yet been received as to the outcome of Council action. Another name or two were also proposed, which will be followed up on by the Chairperson.

**FOLLOW-UP MEETING:**

The next meeting of the Tree Board is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 5:00PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion for adjournment was made by J. Edwards and seconded by T. Paavola. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:48PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacob Geisler