

CITY OF BAYFIELD TREE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 25, 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: Mayor Ted Dougherty

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

A financial report was included with the materials distributed to the members present. There were no expenditures during the past month. The \$3,500 in expenditures charged to the Tree Board account earlier this year were for the removal of the tree in Reiten Park, including stump grinding.

The Chairperson reported on the receipt of a \$2,500 grant from the Bayfield Community Educational Foundation to underwrite the costs associated with the upcoming Arbor Day activities.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. B. Cozzi and J. Sherman will draft a grant request for funds to purchase replacement trees. The findings and recommendations of the Bluestem Consulting study will be used to support this request.
2. The removal of two ash trees infected with emerald ash borer in the vicinity of Rittenhouse Avenue and 8th Street was discussed. Proper disposal of all the material to be removed presents challenges.
3. The Tree Board work detail scheduled for later this month will address identified trimming and clean-up needs.
4. The Chairperson provided an update on plans for the Arbor Day event scheduled for 1:00PM on May 17, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Chairperson reported on an inquiry made of a representative of the Public Works Department where she was informed that burning is not permitted in the city limits. This request was related to the proper disposal of infected ash trees.
2. A work detail has been scheduled for April 27th at 9:00AM.
3. The citywide clean-up is scheduled for May 6th through the 10th with dumpster day on May 11th.
4. Bayfield in Bloom is scheduled May 31st through June 8th. WPR will broadcast remotely from Bayfield on Friday, May 31st.
5. Mayor Dougherty informed the Board that at a recent City Council meeting Kevon Dietal was approved as a member of the Tree Board. The mayor also provided a much appreciated update on several other matters related to city administration.

FOLLOW-UP MEETING:

The next meeting of the Tree Board is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 5:00PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by S. Edwards and seconded by T. Paavola. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:59PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacob Geisler