

CITY OF BAYFIELD TREE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday,

May 25, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was convened by B. Cozzi, City Forester and Chairman of the Tree Board at 5:00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beth Cozzi, Dionne Johnston, Jane Edwards, Sherman Edwards, and Jacob Geisler.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Tad Paavola.

GUEST PRESENT: Tom Kovachevich, Director, Public Works Department

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by D. Johnston to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 27, 2023. J. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

A financial report was received by the Board. There have been no expenditures incurred during the past month.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The planned Arbor Day event was modified per the request of school staff. The event took place on May 10th and not on May 12th as originally planned. Rather than the proposed memorial tree on City property near Memorial Park, a cherry tree was planted in the school garden. The tree was purchased with BCEF grant funds.
2. The pruning work detail for members of the Tree Board scheduled for June 10th has been cancelled, since the trees are clearly out of winter dormancy. On an upcoming weekend, B. Cozzi will fertilize the trees planted last fall.
3. D. Johnston provided the Board with an update on, orientation to, and examples how the GPS mapping software of City trees works. Properly utilized and updated in a timely manner, the software will be a valuable resource in the management of city trees. A recommended addition would be to include trees in the City's parks in the inventory, where the City Parks and Recreation Committee has responsibility.
4. Professional tree services with operations in the area and available to the City for contract services for tree removal and pruning were discussed. Such services need to be registered with

the city. The primary services utilized by the city are: Brit's Tree Service, Quality Tree Service, and Roland's Tree Care.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. At the Tree Board's June meeting, the list of trees designated by the consultant for partial or complete removal will be reviewed. The intent is to prioritize trees so listed since the needed resources are not available to complete all of the recommended activity in a single budget year.
2. The Board viewed a video and power point presentation on winter pruning. Additional videos are available from the Arbor Day Foundation at www.arborday.org/trees/tips/.
3. A possible grant application was discussed with a focus on the replacement of lost trees, particularly those slated for removal in the Tree Inventory Grant Report.
4. T. Kovachevich, Director of Public Works, informed the Board of an upcoming street and utility project on Manypenny Avenue between 9th Street and the city limits, which will include the removal of several mature street trees. This project is in the planning stage and has not been approved or scheduled. As a word of caution, T. Kovachevich reminded the Board that plantings must stay out of the ditch line. Care needs to be taken when selecting sites for future plantings. A couple of the more recent plantings may need to be moved, if that option is available.

FOLLOW-UP MEETING:

The next meeting of the Tree Board is scheduled for June 22, 2023 at 5:00 PM. The meeting will be at the Bayfield City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by J. Edwards and seconded by D. Johnston. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted.

Jacob Geisler