

CITY OF BAYFIELD TREE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday

September 19, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was convened by B. Cozzi, City Forester and Chairperson of the Tree Board at 5:15PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beth Cozzi, Kevon Dietel, Sherman Edwards, and Jacob Geisler.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jane Edwards and Tad Paavola.

GUESTS: Paul Delmain and Liam Delmain.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by K. Dietel to approve the agenda with the following correction: the corrected spelling of Paul Delmain's surname. S. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by K. Dietel to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 28, 2024, with the following correction: the proposed date for the October meeting of the Tree Board to be Wednesday, the 23rd. S. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: L. Delmain asked to address the Tree Board in the form of a public comment. Several city residents have expressed concern with respect to the proposed rebuild of Manypenny Avenue between S. 9th Street and the city limits which includes the removal of several mature trees. An inquiry was made as to the possible involvement of the Tree Board consistent with its charge to maintain and safeguard the city's urban forest. The goal would be to find a work around so that the trees would not be sacrificed in exchange for a much-needed improvement in the adjoining city streets.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

A financial report was included with the materials distributed to the members present. There were no expenditures incurred within the past 30 days.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Volunteer activities performed during the past month include: (1) September 14th tree trimming and pruning—a total of 16 hours by B. Cozzi, K. Dietel, S. Edwards, T. Paavola, J. Kuzzy, and J. Geisler (2 1/2 hours each) and P. Delain (1 hour), (2) September 17th & 19th grant proposal writing—a total of 10 hours by B. Cozzi and J. Geisler (5 hours each).
2. There are a number of stumps remaining from trees removed earlier which are slated for removal/grinding yet this year. The City Forester will contact tree services serving the local area to explore pricing and scheduling.
3. A proposal has been prepared for submission to the DNR Urban Forestry Grant Program. A \$16,000 project is being proposed funded by an \$8,000 grant and the required \$8,000 local match. A resolution committing the city to the grant, if awarded, is on the agenda of the city

council meeting of September 25, 2024. The deadline for the submission of the proposal is September 30, 2024.

4. The City Forester has received three requests from city residents for plantings on city property adjoining their individual properties. The City Forester will follow up on these requests to confirm details of site selection and the cultivar/species chosen. Remaining 2024 budgeted funds will determine the scope of new plantings this fall.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Tree Board Members--The City Forester has submitted a written request to Mayor Dougherty requesting the appointment of Jim Kuzzy and Paul Delmain to the Tree Board. It is expected that this request will be acted upon favorably during an upcoming City Council meeting.
2. City Forester position--B. Cozzi announced that she will be relocating out of the area which will result in a vacancy in the City Forester position.
3. Trimming and pruning schedule--S. Edwards will attempt to arrange a pruning and trimming work detail prior to the week of the 2024 Apple Fest and contact members of the Tree Board with the specifics.

FOLLOW-UP MEETING:

The next meeting of the Tree Board is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 5:00PM at the City Firehall.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by J. Sherman and seconded by T. Paavola. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:03PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacob Geisler