

CITY OF BAYFIELD TREE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday,

August 24, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was convened by B. Cozzi, City Forester and Chairman of the Tree Board at 5:07 PM.

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jane Edwards.

GUESTS PRESENT: Tom Kovachevich, Director, Public Works Department, and Susan Hedman, Reiten Boatyard Condo Association

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by D. Johnston to approve the agenda for this meeting with the following correction: New Business #2 is to read Phil Johnson and not Phil Peterson. Beth C. 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 with the following correction: The minutes approved at the July 27th meeting were the minutes of May 25, 2023, not the minutes of April 27th. Tad Paavola seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

A financial report was received by the Board. There have been no expenses incurred nor expenses paid during the course of the past month.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Six trees will be purchased from the Earth Center Garden Center and planted by Earth Center staff this fall. The planting date will be determined, in part, by weather conditions. The six trees include: 2 serviceberry, and 4 fruit trees. One mountain ash will be moved, because it currently is in the ditch line at 10th Street and Washington Ave.
2. B. Cozzi and D. Johnston will meet to discuss the financial details of a Wisconsin Urban Forestry Grant proposal. The request can be for no more than \$25,000. A match is required, which will be the limiting factor in any proposal submitted by the City. Tree removal and major pruning recommendations in the 2022 City of Bayfield Urban Forestry Operations Plan will be the proposed projects to be funded by this grant request.
3. Board members were reminded of the pruning date scheduled for Saturday, September 30th.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Phil Johnson, a property owner has requested that as many as four mountain ash trees adjacent to his property at 1st Street and Manypenny Avenue be removed and replaced with species without seeds or fruits. It is the consensus of the Board that Mr. Johnson's request be honored as long as the property owner assumes all costs associated with the relocation and replacement.
2. The Episcopal Church has had emerald ash borer treatment applied to the ash trees on its 4th Street property. This information was shared with the City Forester after such treatment was completed. These trees are on the City Tree Inventory, which suggests that they are within the right of way and are in fact City trees. Church personnel have asked the Tree Board take responsibility for pruning the pear trees located in this same area. These are not City trees. This request will be explored further.
3. Susan Hedman (a resident of the Reiten Boatyard Condos and a neighbor to Halvor Reiten Park) requested the assistance of the Tree Board in the implementation of a particular recommendation of the 2022 City of Bayfield Urban Forestry Operations Plan, which identifies Halvor Reiten Park "as the park most able to be improved in Bayfield" and specifically recommends planting a new tree at the beach, planting trees and shrubs on Dock L to stabilize soil, and planting trees and shrubs to define the eastern park boundary. Reiten Boatyard Condo owners are willing to cover the cost of planting trees along the park boundary and on Dock L (at a cost of approximately \$1000). Earth Sense Garden Center serving as a consultant to this effort recommends a Northwood Red Sugar Maple be planted at the beach at a cost of \$249 for the purchase of a tree and \$125 for planting, that is, a total cost of \$374.00. The Parks & Recreation Committee has approved this proposal and is supportive of replacing the willow with a new "focal point" tree in Halvor Reiten Park. S. Hedman submitted a request asking that the Tree Board cover the cost (\$374.00) associated with this portion of the overall project. A motion was made by T. Paavola and seconded by S. Edwards for the Tree Board to assume the costs associated with this request on the condition that sufficient funds are available in the CY 2023 budget keeping in mind the proposed fall planting of 6 trees elsewhere in the City.

FOLLOW-UP MEETING:

The next meeting of the Tree Board is scheduled for September 28, 2023 at 5:00 PM. The meeting will be at the Bayfield City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by D. Johnston and seconded by T. Paavola. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted.

Jacob Geisler