

CITY OF BAYFIELD TREE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday

April 23, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was convened by B. Cozzi, City Forester and Chairperson of the Tree Board at 5:04 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beth Cozzi, Tad Paavola, James Kuzzy, Paul Delmain, and Jacob Geisler.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jane Edwards, Sherman Edwards, and Kevon Dietel.

GUESTS: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The approval of the agenda was deferred.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 26, 2025 was also deferred. Due to an oversight of the secretary, the minutes were not available at the time of the meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

A financial report was deferred. The City Forester informed the Board that the city now has a major problem following the resignation of the mayor. There have also been additional changes in city hall staff. A current financial report is not available at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The city received both a Tree City award and a Tree City Growth award. These awards are sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service. Applications for these awards were completed and submitted by the City Forester.
2. The City Forester reported on her conversation with a representative of Hauser's Orchard regarding the possible purchase of six Mountain Ash trees presently in pots, which would be part of the Board's planned plantings for 2025.
3. The 2025 Arbor Day celebration has been scheduled for Friday, May 16th. It will involve the 4th grade class of the Bayfield School. May 20th will serve as the alternate date should weather or other circumstances require such a change. The proposed planting site is in Halvor Reiten Park in the area bordering the Bodin Fisheries' property. The City Forester has been in contact with the owner of Bodin Fisheries to coordinate this project.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The tree trimming and pruning work detail originally scheduled for April 26, 2025 has been rescheduled for May 3, 2025 at 9:00 AM. Folks asked to meet at the fire hall at that time.

2. The City Forester will arrange a meeting with the area state forester to review our recent unsuccessful grant proposal and to seek her advice and recommendations for a follow-up grant request to be submitted later this year.
3. The City Forester will be in communication with the owner of the property in the area of Manypenny Avenue and South 4th Street regarding a rather large stand of Buckthorn on private property. The goal is to have this invasive species removed. The property owner is not a fulltime city resident, which complicates this situation.

FOLLOW-UP MEETING:

The next meeting of the Tree Board is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 5:00 PM at the City Fire Hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by P. Delmain and seconded by T. Paavola. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacob Geisler