

**Town of University Park
Tree Committee Meeting Minutes
UP Town Hall, 6724 Baltimore Ave
Wednesday, 9 September, 2015, 7:00 PM**

Present: Chris Aubry (Chair), Eddie Crocker, Alice Leaderman, Karen Sondak, Joanne Williams, Roy Alvarez (Town Council Liaison), and Mickey Beall (Director, DPW.)

Regrets: Beth Alvarez, Joanne Fletcher, and Tiegh Thompson

In Attendance: Ward 7 Residents Holly Brewer (3806 Calverton), Sue Resner (7103 Adelphi), Ward 1 Residents Tim Young (4317 Sheridan) and Eric Ericson (4317 Sheridan), and Robbie Greenspan, UMD Journalism Student on assignment.

Convened: 7:05 PM EDT

- Focus of this meeting was to discuss the Fall 2015 Street Tree Planting in Ward 7. Residents in attendance were shown the site plan and location of the 26 trees the committee hopes to plant on October 17th. The residents in attendance were satisfied with plan.
- Mr. Ericson and Mr. Young of Ward 1 requested specifics of street tree replacement in Ward 1. Mr. Beall stated the plan was to schedule all planting in October, both Pepco to replace the trees they had removed and a contractor to further backfill additional losses of street trees. A total of 25 trees are hoped to be planted on Sheridan and Tuckerman streets, with 10 in the town's right of way and an additional 15 on private property. Mr. Beall further added that there is a lot of work to be done on Sheridan and Tuckerman in addition to this fall's planting, as there are a lot of unhealthy trees on private property that need to be replaced to preserve the current state of the tree canopy.
- Committee requested visit to nursery to select trees for the October 17th planting. Mr. Beall dissuaded that course of action, stating his confidence that the trees received this time would be of good quality. Mr. Beall stated that the town would be purchasing trees from Deacon's Pond Nursery.
- Mr. Aubry will advertise the October 17th planting event to encourage citizen participation.
- IVY LEAGUE: Roy Alvarez will stand in for Chris Aubry on 9/17 along the banks of Wells Run close to Adelphi Road. October's session will be on 10/10, on the flood plain north of Wells Run, east of Queen's Chapel.
- The committee is concerned that invasives are not being controlled sufficiently. The park adjacent to the soccer field was cited as having invasives. Mr. Beall believe that the park is zoned such that no trees may be removed. Karen Sondak agreed to investigate laws, policies regarding invasive species.
- The concept of creating a "Tree Planting Thermometer" to visually represent the number of trees planted was floated.
- The next meeting will be October 14th, Town Hall, 7:00 PM.

Adjourned: 8:17 PM