

**Town of University Park:  
Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment**

**MINUTES FROM THE MONTHLY MEETING  
February 10, 2021**

**LOCATION: TELEMEETING VIA ZOOM**

**Members Present/Absent:** Beth Alvarez, Roy Alvarez, Chris Aubry (Chair), Eric Erickson, Matt Jasinski, Laurie Morrissey (Council Liaison), Karen Sondak, Joe Thompson, Tiegh Thompson

**GUESTS:** n/a

*Convened: 7:06 PM*

**ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING:**

1. Urban forest, Legacy Tree program, amend town code, Chapter 16.
  - a. Current Status – The proposed ordinance is on the agenda for Town Meeting, 2/16
  - b. Legislative strategy – Laurie Morrissey will introduce to Mayor and Council; Chris Aubry and Joe Thompson will field questions from Mayor and Council then note comments by public.
2. Expanding Ivy League scope, via partnership with HHUP: Chair Aubry checked into this with HHUP Chair Loretta V. Saks, via phone call Tuesday 2/9. Mr. Aubry will follow up with town to determine if same insurance protection afforded to HHUP extends to TPE.
3. Community Tree Planting 2021: Location is still not clear. Chair Aubry suggested members individually assess the perimeter of the wildflower meadow. Matt Jasinski had already assessed and thought some viburnums might go well along stream embankment edge. Tiegh Thompson concurred.
4. Membership/Financial CoI: Chair Aubry stated Mr. Tim Young had formally stepped down from the committee. Mr. Jasinski's appointment will be voted on at the next Town Council meeting on 2/16. Ms. Perrin Wright has not responded to Chair's emails regarding status of her appointment request.
5. Other business:
  - a. Tiegh Thompson queried about the status of the annual stream cleanup, wondering who is now coordinating this activity. Chair Aubry will look into it.
  - b. Beth Alvarez noted there is an ivy-ridden shade tree on town property on Baltimore Avenue, directly across from terminus of Woodberry Street in the Station Shopping Plaza.

*Adjourned: 7:48*