

Town of University Park  
Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment  
Minutes from the **12 February 2020** Meeting  
Town Hall, 6721 Baltimore Avenue  
*Convened: 7:10 PM*

**Members Present** Beth Alvarez, Roy Alvarez , Chris Aubry (Chair), Eddie Crocker, Eric Erickson, Laurie Morrissey (Council Liaison), Karen Sondak, Joe Thompson , Tiegh Thompson, Tim Young

**Members Absent:** Eddie Crocker, Laurie Morrissey (Council Liaison),

**Guests:** Matt Jasinski, 4206 Van Buren

**ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING:**

1. TPE Activities: Overview/Calendar for 2020
  - TPE will maintain tradition of scheduling regular meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month at Town Hall, 7:00-8:30 PM. No meeting will be held in July.
  - TPE will schedule Ivy League for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, excepting January, February and December. Time will vary dependent on weather.
  - The survey for the annual tree planting will be determined at the March meeting.
  - The annual tree planting is scheduled for Saturday, 10/17/20
  
2. Trees In Winter, 2/16/2020 Chair Aubry will coordinate this educational activity, to increase participants' ability to identify trees in winter. A booklet will be provided free of charge. Interested persons should assemble at the corner of Wells and Commander, 1 PM Sunday.
  
3. Hyattsville Tree Ordinance Review, Comments Committee reviewed the City of Hyattsville's "Urban Forest" ordinance and considered the practicality of adapting it for University Park's Town Code. Various questions regarding implementation and enforcement arose. Chair Aubry resolved to type up these questions and provide them back for comment, revision, addition, then contact Hyattsville's DPW for answers.
  
4. DPW Update: Chair Aubry reported DPW had removed Gator bags from trees on Sheridan Street after being contacted. This concludes winter removals throughout town. Chair Aubry provided Mr. Beall with literature for State of Maryland's (DNR) "Treemendous" tree give away program and agreed to incorporate some of their selections into the 2020 plantings, though cautioning against relying on this as a significant source as the trees provided are all very small.

5. Old Business

Notable Tree Program

Resolved to try to scale up the map so that it is larger presentation.

Resolved that TPE members will contribute additional trees to the map.

Resolved that TPE will encourage UP residents to nominate their own selections.

6. New Business

Chair Aubry reported there's been an increase in requests from residents for TPE advice regarding tree selection, ivy mitigation, etc. This is determined to be a direct result of TPE's weekly tree-centric postings to the town Listserv. The evening's guest Mr. Jasinski attended the meeting as a result of a posting, hoping for advice regarding tree selection.

***Adjourned: 8:37 PM***