

Town of University Park:
Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment
Minutes from the meeting,
Wednesday, March 11, 2020
Town Hall: 6724 Baltimore Avenue

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

GUESTS: Lesley Riddle, Director DPW, and Mike Schmidl, Facilities Manager, City of Hyattsville

Convened: 7:06 PM

ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING:

1. Hyattsville's Urban Forest Ordinance:
Hyattsville's DPW Director Riddle and Facilities Manager Mike Schmidl provided an overview of the City of Hyattsville's Urban Forest Ordinance, Chapter 112 of Charter and Code. A Q&A session followed, focusing on impetus, implementation, workflow, documentation, permit applications, inventory, and enforcement. Director Riddle recommended we contact Gloria Felix-Thompson, current Chair of the Hyattsville Tree Board, to answer some of our historical/contextual questions.
2. Committee resolved to create a one-page document (talking points) describing why a Tree Ordinance is needed for UP. Once this is finalized, TPE members will approach their council members individually to present informally.
3. Sunday, May 17th, 1:00 PM set as date for 2020 Street Tree Survey. Location of 2020 planting TBD. Chair Aubry to derive potential options from the 2016 town-wide tree survey
4. Ivy League
 - a. First session of 2020 is scheduled for Saturday, 3/14, 10:00-12:00. Meet at Town Hall. Participants to remove ivy from town trees behind Town Hall going south along Rte.1.
 - b. Saturday, 4/11, 9:00-11:00, Hopscotch Bridge
5. April Newsletter's includes an encouragement to UP residents to nominate "Notable Trees"
6. February Activities included Trees In Winter (2 participants on 2/16) and a site assessment consultation between two TPE members and Perrin Wright 6819 Pineway on 2/15.
7. New Business None additional.

8. Old Business An emailed request from UP resident Sabrina Meyers for TPE to provide educational pamphlet on ivy mitigation was discussed. The committee decided that creating a pamphlet was not necessary considering Newsletter and Listserv.

Adjourned: 8:26