

Town of University Park  
Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment  
Minutes from the **Wednesday, 13 March 2019** Meeting  
Town Hall, 6721 Baltimore Avenue  
**Convened: 7:05 PM**

**Members Present** Beth Alvarez, Roy Alvarez, Chris Aubry (Chair), Michelle Leonardi, Laurie Morrissey (Liaison Elect), Tiegh Thompson, Jo Williams, Tim Young  
**Members Absent:** Eric Erickson, Karen Sondak, Joe Thompson,  
**Guests:** Dave Crocker

**ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING:**

1. Noted the "Trees in Winter" event was cancelled for 2019 due to uncooperative weather.
2. Request for Arbor Day selection: Committee opted to request again last year's selection of the shingle oak (*Quercus imbricaria*)
3. Report on Ivy League:
  - a. Four volunteers attended the March session: 3/9/19, 1-3 PM, Henson Gateway. Eight cumulative hours were logged.
  - b. The April session will be announced in the Newsletter: 4/13/19, 9-11, flood plain between QCR and 44<sup>th</sup> Ave, north side of creek.
4. Update on annexation of 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave: A formal request that the town implement this action was provided to
  - a. Police, Traffic & Public Safety Committee
  - b. Public Facilities & Services Committee
  - c. Mayor Carey, Chief of Police Baker, Director of Public Works Beall
5. Update on permeable Queen's Chapel. No progress was made on this – unclear what the issue is that prevents proceeding. The committee acknowledges the amount of runoff during storms impacts public safety and is environmentally unacceptable.
6. Update on Deakins Cemetery. Mr. Aubry and Mr T. Thompson will coordinate shrub pruning in the coming weeks.
7. Update on interactive map of town's notable trees. Mr. Aubry reports process started.
8. PEPCO update. Mr. Aubry's column for the April Newsletter – a description of PEPCO's process for offering free tree removals - will not be published as deemed politicized.
9. New Business
  - a. Committee is offered the opportunity to take over the Women's Club Native Plant Exchange staged annually in the Church Parking Lot. This was conveyed from Sustainability Committee Chair Joe Schultz via Mr. T. Thompson.
  - b. Dave Crocker, UMD's School of Public Policy, described efforts undertaken to enlisting Capstone students to inventory all zoning regulations and correspondent zoning authority for all of University Park's public lands. The Statement of Work was distributed but the timing was off – Dr. Crocker is arranging meeting for late spring to have it available for fall semester 2019. Dr. Besharov was identified as principal coordinator.

*Adjourned: 8:11 PM*