

Town of University Park  
Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment  
Minutes from the **May 8, 2019** Meeting  
Town Hall, 6721 Baltimore Avenue  
**Convened: 7:10 PM**

**Members Present** Beth Alvarez, Roy Alvarez , Chris Aubry (Chair), Eric Erickson, Karen Sondak, Joe Thompson , Tiegh Thompson, Tim Young

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

**Guests:** n/a

**ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING:**

1. PEPCO/ DPW/ Position Paper:  
The position paper will request that Town Council develop and implement, when appropriate, a standardized process by which town residents will be notified in advance of planned removal or pruning of street trees, providing specific addresses and dates. Chair Aubry has not completed; will provide to Mayor and Council prior to June meeting.
2. Ivy League May 11, 9-11: Upper Wells Parkway  
Four volunteers provided 8 person hours of ivy removal on the town's trees on upper Wells Parkway.
3. Spring Survey: Lower Ward 4, May 19, 1:00 PM, UPES  
Committee members were reminded to assemble at UPES, 1PM for our annual street tree survey to be taken for the October 2019 community planting.
4. Status of 2016 native plantings  
Tiegh Thompson observed the shade plantings had emerged and were apparently healthy. The status of the open field milkweed plots is not known. Various members pledged to assess in near future.
5. Brackens Brown, Arbor Day update  
Chair Aubry informed committee of his recent email conversation with DPW Director Beall, who agreed to add two Brackens brown magnolia to the fall 2019 planting list to replace the two lost near the original tot lot. The tree selected for Arbor Day was ultimately planted north of the soccer field after Arbor Day.
6. New Business
  - a. Beth Alvarez suggested the "Neighborhood Design Center" might be a potentially appropriate non-profit (located at 4318 Gallatin St, Hyattsville, MD 20781) to assist UP with its integrated town design.
  - b. Several members reported multiple instances of improperly mulched trees, the technique known as "mulch volcanoes." Mr. Aubry will comment on this in next edition of the town newsletter.

**Adjourned: 8:20 PM**