

**Town of University Park: Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment  
MINUTES for the meeting,  
Wednesday, 10/13/2021**

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

**GUESTS:** Roland Stephens

**CONVENED:** 7:08 PM

**ADJOURNED:** 8:38 PM

**Matters discussed at this meeting:**

**1. Community Tree Planting, 10/23/21**

This activity has been reduced from 28 shrubs, three trees to 6 shrubs, 1 tree. The reason given was to wait until the Sustainability Committee can better determine if it's consistent with its plans for the Pollinator Meadow. Mickey has been alerted to provide materials and dig holes. Chair Aubry will disseminate a notice indicating the community participation is no longer needed.

**2. Ordinance/Legacy Tree program**

Committee continues to revise language in the draft ordinance to amend town code, Chapter 16, per request of the Mayor. Primary revision was inclusion of deadwooding provision to the Reforestation section.

Some discussion ensued regarding UP's legislative process, but no consensus was reached by TPE if we wanted to include it on the next Council Agenda by amendment to their draft meeting agenda.

Chair Aubry again reiterated his conviction that both canopy survey AND geospatial inventory of the town's trees are necessary if a coherent plan for the town's trees is to be developed and implemented. TPE is in accord on this point.

**3. Guilford Woods:**

TPE's advisory letter urging Mayor & Council to oppose UMD's plans to develop Guilford Woods has been revised to TPE's satisfaction and will be provided to Mayor and Council ASAP.

#### 4. Other business

TPE Liaison Morrissey explained the process by which TPE might request specific items for inclusion in the Town's request to federal/state authorities for funding under the America Recovery Act. Items could include LIDAR surveys (historic and current), equipment and supplies needed to complete a geo-spatial inventory, as well as consultants to assist with formulation of plan for town's parkland. Such items could all be grouped under "Green Infrastructure." Chair Aubry will provide written list to Liaison Morrissey.

Member Burghardt noted that funding and other opportunities for materials might be available under Maryland's plan to plant 5 million trees.

Chair Aubry's suggestion that TPE offer ivy removal service to HHUP clientele was approved by TPE. The HHUP Chair, Linda Verril, will send an email blast announcing the service's availability, "time and personnel availability-dependent."