

# **Town of University Park: Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment Minutes for the 2/8/2023 Meeting**

***Hyattsville Branch of the PGCMLS, 6530 Adelphi Rd, Conference Room 1***

***ZOOM Option:***

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87572898241?pwd=SkUvaUZBT1V3eFE3VkZLK1hDTms3dz09>

**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:** Mickey Beall, Director DPW; L.K. Klein, 4205 Tuckerman

**CONVENE: 6:47**

**ADJOURN: 7:55**

## **ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING**

How to best Publicize/Enforce UP's Tree Ordinance. Director Beall has informed the Town Arborist (John Anna) who has notified Adirondack Tree. Can further disseminate via one-page summation from February's newsletter via

- o Listserv, imbed in TREEMENDOUS
- o Town events, e.g. Stream Cleanup, Azalea Classic
- o Real estate agents, (Meadows, Pirovic, Compass, etc.)
- o Town of University Park "Resident Guide" (16 pages, due for update)
- o TPE website (Chair and Liaison to develop)

K. Burghardt has created an online account with *Healthy Trees, Healthy Cities* data-collection app for recording UP's trees. Instructions were provided to committee members on how to access the app and get registered under UP's project.

Chair Aubry demonstrated LIDAR tool identified by K. Burghardt – as made available online by the Chesapeake Conservancy. The tool currently enables a closeup view of University Park vegetation as compared between 2013 and 2018. There is an apparent net loss of canopy in that window.

R. Alvarez coordinated town procurement of Ivy League hand tools.

Annual Community Tree Planting will most likely be in Ward 6, in late October, with survey slated for April/May.

Chair Aubry expressed interest in extending Ivy League activities onto private property, to mitigate canopy loss.

TPE/Chair Aubry will survey and select ~35 trees for tagging - \$210 estimated with shipping. Then resolve defunct Notable Trees map and replace with Tree Trail noting tagged trees.

Commitments, allegiances:

- TPE is committed to remaining open to other opportunities to build tree awareness and cultivate shared stewardship by all residents.
- TPE will engage with Sustainability Committee and Town Council on UP's "Park Plan" as well as other committees as opportunities arise.
- TPE will request to review TPE-related RFP's before they are issued, beginning with the request for consultant to oversee the Park Plan.
- TPE commits to engaging with DPW to select and site plants for water retention catchment at Woodberry & Claggett-Pineway.