

# **Town of University Park: Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment Minutes for the 3/8/2023 Meeting**

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

***ZOOM Option:***

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**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

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## **ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING**

### Stormwater retention pond at Woodberry/College Heights:

- After assessment of initial set of plans, homeowner and TPE requested that existing trees not be root pruned to the extent proposed by engineers.
- New plan needs to be devised & approved. To accommodate changes, it is likely that the pond will be shifted uphill a bit, thus rendering it more a full sun space.
- TPE will still select plants and site them within new parameters. Planting by mid-late March not likely as new plan requires approvals. Late April-May is the new likely window.
- Homeowner K. Hart is coordinating with UP to grant an easement.

### Efforts to best Publicize/Enforce UP's Tree Ordinance

- Chair noted the City of Hyattsville's website includes process for residents to follow when assenting to have PEPCO remove a tree on private property. Chair will consult with DPW Director Beall.
- Chair will contact PG County Realtors' Association to confirm process for getting a disclosure added to sales packages for all properties sold in UP.
- Chair will notify Liaison on above courses of action – TPE will recommend that UP pursue these courses of action to better close loopholes in enforcing the Ordinance.

### Schedule for annual survey for the 2023 Community Tree Planting and field demonstration of recording town trees with the *Healthy Trees, Healthy Cities* app.

- Committee to meet on Sunday, 4 June, at junction of College Heights and Beechwood, 10AM-1PM to select sites and specimens in lower ward 6
- This will be combined with a field tutorial on how to record street trees using the *Healthy Trees, Healthy Cities* app. TPE members were encouraged to load the app onto their phones.

Chair Aubry updated committee with progress on identifying properties and having volunteers given permission to remove ivy from trees on private property along northern end of 40<sup>th</sup> Ave.