

**Town of University Park  
Sustainability Committee**

**Minutes**

**Tuesday, 11 Jul 2023**

**7:30 PM – 9:00 PM**

**Zoom Meeting information:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83276229521?pwd=UGRGQy9xNnZ5cHVkYm55eTFBcHVYQT09>

**Dial in:** 301-715-8592

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Agenda

**1. Approval of Minutes ( No minutes SWM walking tour)**

**2. Updates and Reports**

**a. SWM: discussion on recommendations**

RKK Proposal needs to be added/ changed. Need to hold / clean stormwater in pocket meadows (etc)- plan does not propose this. Need more real green infrastructure by both churches.

Regional system - coordinate with 9 Pond and with Riverdale.

What we are asking:-

Park Plan RFP- get it done and out - we need it to receive monies./grants

RKK - add large green infrastructures to both churches

Add more structures to Slow water down –rain gardens/ pocket meadow

**ACTION:** Joe T will come to the TC meeting to discuss recommendations

**b. Meadow Day**

12 tables, 200 attendees, native plant swap was great success. Added Poster and food and Native Plant Swap.

**c. Bee City**

We are a bee city, and need to pick and get signs up, and where to go and we need to send our press release announcing UP's new status.

**d. SWM meeting report out**

60-70 people attended. A first step towards raising awareness and evaluating where we are at. One theme was the importance of keeping water out of the streams (i.e. slowing/storing runoff).

**e. Sustainability Maryland Update**

UP sent in the application and they will respond within a couple of weeks, response and iteration

**3. Other Business**

**a. SWM: discussion on public communication**

Patricia has drafted a communication. Consider passing this to PFSC and working through them to decide how to discuss with town.

**b. Army Reserve Facility - 6601 Baltimore Ave**

Riverdale Park has asked Army to get the property at 6601 Baltimore Avenue. There is the potential to have something positive with SWM on that property, but there are no details.

**c. UMD iSchool consultancy project**

Andy Fellows runs iSchool consultancy fro UMD where groups of students are engaged for projects. UP could create a project, e.g. Suggestion that we might use this to gather information for park plan. Identifying organisms in meadow.

**4. New Business**

**a. Sustainability programs for residential properties**

**1) Rain Check Rebate Program**

**2) Home Performance with Energy Star Program**

Discuss with staff to understand best methods to encourage town resident participation.

**b. Committee expansion**

**Prioritize what we want to focus on - stormwater, energy, composting, meadow/invasives/research - recruit people in other areas than meadow/plants etc**

**c. Another SWM walk around on Aug 7 at 7:30 (check details with Dave B.**

**5. Adjourn**

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