

**Town of University Park: Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment**  
**Minutes from the Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 13 September 2023**  
**7:00 -8:30 PM**  
**Location: 6607 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

**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:

CONVENE: 7:05      ADJOURN: 8:35

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING:**

- July's meeting minutes  
Approved 6-0
  
- Bioretention Pond: Update on 2023 Community Planting 10/7 & 10/8/2023  
Updates included:
  - Plants, K. Burghardt/K. Sondak: All plants ordered and confirmed, after negotiating for replacements. Since whole flats of plugs mandatory, we have ~900 plugs from North Creek Nursery, which will be beneficial as can be planted more densely. Shrubs are confirmed from Patuxent Nursery, 109 one-gallon, 40 in three-gallon pots. Delivery of all will be on Thurs, 10/5 to K. Burghardt's house, adjacent to the planting site.
  - Advertising/Logistics: Chair will revise October Newsletter content to specify limited slots available for volunteers, who should indicate interest to [TreeComm@upmd.org](mailto:TreeComm@upmd.org). K. Burghardt will provide share sheet to delegate tasks. R. Alvarez to provide a tent and table for snacks/TPE materials for volunteers, general public. K. Sondak and K. Burghardt will devise color coordination strategy and choreography of planting sequence. (Shrubs will precede plugs – 10/7 & 10/8 respectively. Chair to contact M Beall re traffic control and A. Lawrence regarding funding for snacks.
  - Biodynamics observed during recent rain event. Overall, the pond responded well.
  
- Consistent response to Crape myrtle Scale: A TPE advisory regarding Crape myrtle Bark Scale (CMBS) has been provided in draft form to all TPE members for their review and editorial feedback. This to be finalized and posted to UP website ASAP.
- Pamphlet offer for Ivy

Sabrina Meyers, graphic artist offered assistance with an ivy awareness or mulch volcano flyer. The committee could not come to consensus on whether a pamphlet or doorknob hanger would be more useful. This decision has been tabled for further discussion.

- Volcanos Advisory Memo

The committee decided to address volcanos in public spaces themselves, after re-confirming authorization from DPW Director Beall.

- Contractor Planting, Sept/October

Chair Aubry noted this will commence in early October, per DPW Director Beall.

- Ward Stewards

Chair noted two wards remain outstanding.

- Old/New Business

TPE's October meeting has been moved to Weds, 10/4, 6:30 PM at 4124 Woodberry, single item is the planting at the Bioretention Pond.