

Town of Laurel Park
Parks and Greenways Board: Invasive Species Committee

March 5, 2025
10:00 AM
Town Hall Meeting Room

Laurel Crowell-Member
Jeffrey Heath-Member
John McGregor- (Chair in absence of R. Fain)

Absent:
Anne Hartig
Paula Thum
Todd Gizzi
Brandon Johnson
Robert Fain

1. Call to Order: The meeting was convened at 10:00 AM
2. Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was approved without additions
3. Approval of the January 8, 2025 were approved
4. Public Comment: There was no public comment
5. New Business:
We reviewed the proposed Goals & and budget request for the upcoming 2025/2026 FY.

Discussion of Focus of the Committee:

The Committee was formed approximately 1.5 years ago to raise awareness of the growing infestation of invasive vines and their impact on native plants (trees, etc.). The removal of the vines has progressed steadily. As the invasives are removed, we must focus more on restoring the previously infested habitat to ensure our native species flourish and are protected from future infestations.

We propose to rename the Committee to:

“Native Plant Stewardship Committee” to ensure our ultimate focus is on protecting the native habitat and natural areas of Laurel Park. There are two primary goals:

- Removal and prevention of invasive species.
- Stewardship of native plants and natural areas

6. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.
7. The next meeting is on May 7, 2025.