



**Town of Laurel Park
Parks & Greenway Board**

Minutes – Site Meeting

Date: April 24, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Canal Park, Lake Drive, Laurel Park, NC 28739

Attendees

Judy Lyons - Co-chair
Pat LaSalle – Secretary
Denise Layfield

Absent

Todd Plessel

Co-Chair Lyons called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM.

The purpose of the meeting was to checkpoint the status of the effort to remove the vegetation from Canal Park and the appointment of the candidates for membership on the P&G Board.

The first order of business was to determine if the recommended candidates for the P&G Board have been appointed. A call to Aaron Hollis confirmed that the recommended candidates were approved on April 10, 2025 and their acceptance communicated by the Town Clerk as well as an invitation for the next Board meeting.

The call to Aaron also confirmed that the proposal for the removal of the Canal Park vegetation by Rhodes Stump Removal and Excavation has been reviewed and approved. The Board may go ahead and contact the contractor to secure a date for the work.

Denise then called Corey from Rhodes Stump Removal to communicate the final confirmation for the work to be done. Rhodes was instructed to utilize Mills River Seed to hydroseed. No fabric is anticipated to be required for the large area, however, straw mat/netting will be used on the steep bank areas as needed and has been included in the proposal.

A short discussion of a recent article in the Mountain Express regarding getting a significant number of homeowners to install pollinator gardens. Denise would like to hold another presentation at First Congregational Church with a speaker to speak to this topic. Potential speakers could include Brannen Basham (Spriggly's), Kim Bailey (Milkweed Meadows) or Carolina Natives.

With regard to the new members of the Board, Judy will ask Stephanie to ensure that they know when the next meeting will be held and to include hard and soft copies of the Bylaws and the Comprehensive Plan (which includes the Mission and Vision Statements).

The meeting was adjourned by Co-Chair Judy Lyons at 4:45 PM.

Next Meeting:

Date: May 13, 2025, 9:30 AM at Town Hall

Purpose: Regularly scheduled Board meeting.