



**Town of Laurel Park  
Parks & Greenway Board  
Minutes – Site Meeting  
Date: May 22, 2025  
Time: 3:30 PM  
Location: Laurel Green Park**

**Attendees**

Bryan Hensley – Parks Technician  
Pat La Salle – Secretary  
Judy Lyons - Co-chair  
Denise Layfield  
Todd Plessel  
Anne Waring

**Absent**

Paula Bailey  
John Glover

Co-Chair Lyons called the meeting to order at 3:55 PM.

The purpose of the meeting was

- To determine potential plantings for the space near Ecusta Trail
- To review the progress on the excavation/restoration at Canal Park

While the timing may be premature as the area bordering Laurel Green Park is far from complete by the Ecusta Trail developers, the Board agreed that the area could be planted with hollies and Emerald Green arborvitae along with wetland grasses. Next year, some live stakes could be procured to stabilize the bank. Some of the design objectives include:

- Plantings tall enough to conceal the Park from the Ecusta Trail.
- No/low maintenance – including mowing the marsh grass and trimming of the trees/shrubs.
- Provide interest in keeping with the design of the Park, that is, not looking like a solid hedge.

The Board agreed that, as a next step, Denise would arrange a meeting with George Banta, Hunter Marks (designer of the Laurel Green Park restoration) and the Board to understand:

- Exact boundary/right-of-way of the Ecusta Trail
- Planned amenities along with locations of same

- Planned remediation of the drainage pipes
- How the design elements implemented by Hunter Marks can be altered to accommodate the changes necessitated by the Ecusta Trail as well as the damage done by Helene

As the work on Canal Park has yet to start, it was agreed to table the second agenda objective.

The meeting was adjourned by Co-Chair Lyons at 4:18 PM.

**Next Meeting:**

**Date:** June 10, 9:30 AM at Town Hall

**Purpose:** Regular Board Meeting