



Town of Laurel Park
Parks and Greenways: Native Plant Stewardship Committee Minutes
September 3, 2025, at 10:00 AM
Town Hall - 441 White Pine Drive, Laurel Park, NC 28739

Present

Laurel Crowell
John McGregor
John Harper
Paula Bailey
Jeffrey Heath
Greg Summers
Robert Fain

Absent

Anne Hartig
Todd Gizzi
Brandon Johnson

1. Call to Order

Fain called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

2. Approval of the Agenda

McGregor made the motion to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

3. Approval of July 2, 2025, minutes

McGregor made the motion to approve the minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

4. New Business

- A. John Harper and Greg Summers were welcomed as new members Introductions and welcomes followed
- B. Paula Bailey was welcomed as the liaison from the Parks and Greenways Board
- C. A history of the Committee's evolution was presented
- D. An update on funding of Todd Gizzi's work was provided. Of the \$15,000 in the budget, \$1,500 has been expended year to date. Discussion followed regarding oversight and direction of his efforts.
- E. John McGregor presented a draft of the Caring for Laurel Park's Natural Heritage Plan. The Plan was well received. Paula Bailey will share the Plan with the Parks and Greenways Board. It is hoped that the Town Council might receive and endorse the Plan NLT its November meeting.
- F. Discussion followed about the Town's communication with residents.
- G. The Committee will resume monthly meetings through Fall and Winter

5. Adjournment

McGregor made a motion to adjourn at 11:45 AM.

The next meeting is October 1, 2025, For a look at invasive plants in Laurel Green