

Town of Laurel Park

Parks and Greenways Board: Invasive Species Committee

January 3, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Town Hall Meeting Room

Robert Fain - Chair
Anne Hartig - Member
Paula Thum - Member

John McGregor - Member
Laurell Crowell - Member

Absent: John McGregor, Will Coffee and Todd Gizzi
Also Present: Brandon Johnson
Guest: Knox Crowell

Minutes

1. **Call to Order** at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Robert Fain.

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

Agenda unanimously approved by committee members. Motion to amend the agenda to include minutes from November 1, 2023. Meeting minutes were approved by Anne Hartig and seconded by Paula Thum. (The December 6, 2023 meeting had not been held.)

3. **Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

4. **Old Business:**

Anne Hartig spoke with the Town Council and Robert Fain spoke with Friends of Laurel Park concerning the need for money to continue the removal of invasive species that was ending due to lack of funding.

Robert Fain submitted a column and information on invasive species for the November/December Laurel Park newsletter.

John McGregor is now the Invasive Species Committee's liaison to the Parks and Greenways Board.

Invasive Species Committee members have contributed to the funding for the removal of invasives.

5. **New Business:**

Funding for the continuation of removal of invasive vines and plants has been secured with funds from an anonymous LP donor and money both from Laurel Park Township and Friends of Laurel Park and our committee members. Robert

Fain states that both Will and Todd will be available to continue removing invasives in the near future.

Robert Fain will check on the cost of bulk emailing of the Laurel Park Newsletter.

Laurell Crowell discussed her willingness to discuss and point out invasive species with individual Laurel Park homeowners.

Laurell suggested that grant proposals for additional funding for the removal of invasives be accomplished. John McGregor has experience in writing grants. Robert Fain will discuss this with John.

John McGregor has written the column for the January/February Laurel Park Newsletter.

Laurell brought up a concern about Laurel Park neighbors that are feeding deer on their property. The deer are eating the native plants that residents have been planting to take the place of removed invasive plants.

Robert Fain will approach the Parks and Greenways Board to see if an invasive species symposium could be held.

Alex Carmichael will contact Will Coffee and Todd Gizzi concerning the now available funding for the continued removal of invasives in 2024.

6. Next Meeting: February meeting is canceled. The next meeting will be March 6, 2024

7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Attest:


Paula Thum
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