

# Town of Laurel Park

## **Parks and Greenways Board: Invasive Species Committee**

May 1, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Town Hall Meeting Room

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

John McGregor - Member  
Laurel Crowell - Member  
Jeff Heath - Member

Guest: Knox Crowell  
Absent: Brandon Johnson

### **Minutes**

1. **Call to Order** at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Robert Fain.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda unanimously approved by committee members  
There were no additions to the agenda.
3. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the March 6, 2024 Meeting:**  
Minutes were reviewed and approved by Anne and seconded by Jeff.
5. **Report from Parks and Greenway liaison John McGregor:**
  - a. New trees have been planted in Canal Park and the pollinator garden has been expanded to include a bridge pathway.
  - b. No Mow May signage is going up and will be encouraged throughout Laurel Park
6. **Old Business:**
  - a. The focus of the proposed letter to Laurel Park residents will focus on all vines that are vining in trees vs. specific vines. There are some issues that need further research prior to going forward with the proposed letter/communication.
  - b. The 3 areas that had the ficaria verna/lesser celandine (fig buttercup) growing appears to have been successfully treated as none was noted to be growing when the area was checked today. Brian was available for comment.

**7. New Business:**

- a. Residents with addresses number 1500. The last town mailing included a 4x6 postcard, an envelope for mailing and a return envelope. The cost for that mailing which included printing, addressing and mailing was \$1,075.
- b. More research will be done to clarify the cost of paper, printing and folding, postage and mailing for the 'devining' letter. Knox discussed the printing companies he has used in Hendersonville and possible graphics to include in the letter. The mailing of the letter was to coincide with the return of those residents that return to Laurel Park in the summer months.
- c. Tamara can identify residents who could receive the 'devining' letter as a PDF if the committee elected to winnow down the print job to save on expense.
- d. Parks and Greenways committee could be asked to cover the expense of the mailing from their budget.
- e. Knox will contact the printing companies to ascertain what their charges would be.
- f. Some Laurel Park residents have commented on the negative aspect of No Mow May for them. Many residents now use electric mowers and when the grass gets really tall it is very difficult for the electric mowers to effectively cut the grass.
- g. The members are recommending that Todd Gizzi become a member of this committee.

**9. Next Meeting Date:** June 5, 2024

**10. Adjournment:** 1110 AM

**Attested**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula Thum". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

**Paula Thum**