

Town of Laurel Park

Parks and Greenways Board: Invasive Species Committee

September 4, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Town Hall Meeting Room

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

John McGregor - Member
Jeff Heath - Member

Absent:

Brandon Johnson
Todd Gizzi
Laurel Crowell

Minutes

1. **Call to Order** at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson 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 August 7, 2024 Meeting:**
Minutes were reviewed and approved by Anne Hartig and seconded by Robert Fain.
5. **Report from Park and Greenways liaison John McGregor:**
 1. Items for John to discuss with Park and Greenways.
 - a. Question arose in the committee as to if Public Works staff is aware of what areas that are taken care of by residents/ volunteers so that work isn't being duplicated. Brandon, due to that day's work requirements, wasn't at this meeting to speak on this topic.
 - b. It was noted that the various committees are all interested in the preservation of Laurel Park for the greater good of the environment and that cooperation as a whole is needed vs. each committee having distinctly separate goals.

- c. There are some HOAs in Laurel Park and the question arose as to if they are addressing invasives within their HOA communities. Does Park and Greenway have information on this?

6. Old Business:

- a. Todd and Brandon were absent from this meeting so there wasn't a discussion concerning the proposed plan for the continued removal of vines along the Laurel Park right of ways.

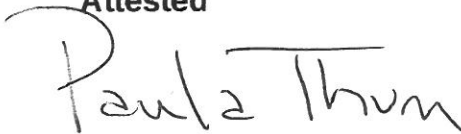
7. New Business:

- a. Robert spoke with Will Buie, the engineer at the Hendersonville Country Club, about whether or not there were vines on their property. During the conversations Mr. Buie suggested that a financial incentive for Laurel Park residents in the form of tax breaks might help with the vines' removal. John will take that suggestion to the Park and Greenways Committee.
- b. There will be a wildlife biologist speaking at the Town Hall on 9/10 concerning deer.
- c. John confirmed Brandon's announcement that invasive dove weed (*Murdannia nudiflora*) has been noted in and at the creek in Laurel Green Park.
- d. After this meeting there were emails concerning the possible doveweed at Laurel Green Park. Bryan Hensley spoke with the landscape architect that was involved with the restoration of the creek in Laurel Green and she stated that it was Virginia buttonweed (*Diodia virginiana*) vs. doveweed in the creek. In the follow up emails John again stated that doveweed was present in the creek. Awaiting further information and follow up on this subject.

9. Next Meeting Date: October 2, 2024

10. Adjournment: 1045 AM

Attested

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

Paula Thum