

Town of Laurel Park

Parks and Greenways Board: Invasive Species Committee

June 5,,2024

10:00 a.m.

Town Hall Meeting Room

Robert Fain - Chairperson
Paula Thum - Member
Brandon Johnson - Member

John McGregor - Member
Jeff Heath - Member

Absent:
Laurel Crowell
Anne Hartig
Todd Gizzi

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
There were no additions to the agenda.
3. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the April 3, 2024 Meeting:**
Minutes were reviewed and approved by John and seconded by Jeff.
5. **Report from Park and Greenways liaison John McGregor:**
 1. P & G goals for 2024/2025:
 - a. increase awareness of the impact of invasive species and to issue a call to action to motivate property owners to address invasives on their own property.
 - b. Develop, print and mail flyers to reach all property owners with information on invasives and their impact on their property.
 - c. Fund a volunteer work day/education event to be aligned with National Invasive Species Week. (February 24-28, 2025)

6. Old Business:

- a. Knox approached two printing companies concerning the proposed newsletter to LP residents. Printville responded with the following costs: folding/printing of newsletter \$1001; postage \$753; mailing \$229 for a total of \$2084. The other printing company did not respond with an estimate.
- b. Knox recommends the narrowing of the range of specific invasives for the residents' yards. Robert suggested that perhaps limiting the number listed in the newsletter to the five most important invasives.

7. New Business:

- a. Mayor O'Cain will bring the invasive species work that is being accomplished in LP to the attention of other county leaders at the Intra-town council meeting to encourage a county-wide effort to meet this invasive threat.
- b. Brandon reported that Public Works is tackling the invasive wisteria vines that are present at the LP town intake site.
- c. There are listings of LP gardens in need of volunteers to maintain in the Park and Greenways meeting minutes.

9. Next Meeting Date: August 7, 2024

10. Adjournment: 1045 AM

Attested



Paula Thum