

## Town of Laurel Park

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

August 7, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Town Hall Meeting Room

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

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

Absent:  
Jeff Heath  
Todd Gizzi

## **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 June 5, 2024 Meeting:**  
Minutes were reviewed and approved by Anne Hartig and seconded by John McGregor.
5. **Report from Park and Greenways liaison John McGregor:**
  1. Park and Greenways has approved \$3000 to be used in the following ways:
    - 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. Bulk mailing of invasive vine/species information in the future. The annual budget for Laurel Park doesn't end till May 2025 so the printing of the material could be done prior to the end of May. Timing of the mailing of the information to Laurel Park residences could coordinate with National Pollinator week which is June 16-22, 2025
- b. Event planning for a speaker on invasive species could be coordinated with Laurel Park's volunteer day.

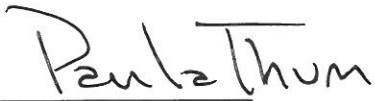
**7. New Business:**

- a. Recognition is needed for Laurel Park homeowners that are clearing their own property.
- b. Brandon Johnson was asked about where Todd Gizzi is currently working.
- c. Question is whether or not Todd is being approached by homeowners to do clearing on their property at their own expense.
- d. John McGregor, Robert Fain and Brandon will work on identifying specific areas that have large amounts of invasive vines/plants that need attention.
- e. Brandon stated invasive dove weed (*Murdannia nudiflora*) has been sited at the creek in Laurel Green Park.

**9. Next Meeting Date:** September 4, 2024

**10. Adjournment:** 1035 AM

**Attested**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula Thum". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the name.

**Paula Thum**