

Mayor Tracey Furman

**Council Member Darin Bartram
Council Member Sean McMullen**



**Council Member Conor Crimmins
Council Member Duane Rollins**

Meeting Notes

Greenscape Committee Meeting

April 26, 2018, 5:00 pm

Howard Avenue Park

Committee Co-Chairs: Conor Crimmins and Duane Rollins

Committee Members: Gloria Capron, Yvonne Gurney, Julie O'Malley, Arlene Antonicelli, Alison Oppenheim, Sabina Emerson, Julie O'Malley, Elisenda Sola-Sole

Guests: Angie Freeman, Al Lacy, George Buckwalter

Call to Order

Councilmember Conor Crimmins called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Old Business

1. **Tree City USA:** Greenscape Committee coordinated and held an Arbor Day event during the Day of the Book Festival along Howard Avenue on Sunday, April 22nd. This event completed the four priorities required for the Town to re-apply to be recognized as a Tree City USA Town. Town Staff has already coordinated with the Arbor Day Foundations and applications for Tree City USA for 2018 open in September. The Town will complete and submit its application at that time.

New Business:

1. **Howard Avenue Park - On Site Review:** Members of the Greenscape Committee and other residents met at Howard Avenue Park to discuss how the park is used and how it could be improved, both in the short term and the long term, to benefit the uses of the park.

Short-term improvements that were discussed included:

- Installing a hose bib, or modifying the current drinking fountain to include a hose bib to help facilitate watering of the flower beds during the summer
- Reviewing the current condition of the flower beds within the park and replacing large sections of the fill dirt that was left with planting soil in an effort to improve the health of the plantings within the flower beds
- Obtaining a copy of the plans for the Park in order to formalize longer-term improvements that could be made

Long-term improvements that were discussed included:

- Possible re-positioning of the pergola to enhance the summer concert series while also opening up the facade of the Prevention of Blindness building
- Possible re-engineering of the raised flower beds in order to open the park up to additional uses
- Possible design of a sitting wall or green wall to shape the park and provide both a safety and sound barrier between the street and the park, and also along the property line between the park and POB

The Greenscape Committee will continue to review Howard Avenue Park and work toward providing the Council any recommendations toward long-term improvements at a future date.

Adjourn

Councilmember Rollins adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.