

Plant Utilization and Planning Committee

December 16, 2019

2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

4065 Forbes Tower

1. Call to order and Introduction of attendees - The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair, David Beck, at 2:00pm. All persons in attendance introduced themselves to the group.
2. Approval of November 2019 meeting minutes - The minutes were approved as written.
3. Presentation:
Grounds Update Andy Moran, Senior Manager of Grounds

Senior Manager of Grounds, Andy Moran provided an overview of the Grounds Department

- The groundskeeping crew consists of 34 men and women, who provide campus coverage 24 hours a day, and maintain over 145 acres of property. They provided all types of grounds maintenance including parking garages, preparation of the athletic fields, snow and ice removal.
- Planted 25,000 annuals, pansies, mums, 4,068 perennials, shrubs and trees with 95% of them being native species.
- Groundskeepers received over 680 hours of training safety, equipment use, horticultural practices, personal health, internet safety, and an introduction to a sustainability course provided by Phipps Conservatory.
- New projects include: renovation of Thackery Hall on the University Place side, relocation of trees and shrubs due to the Bigelow Blvd project, transformed a hillside by Falk School into a pollinator friendly garden, and renovation of Ruskin Hall's landscape on Bellefield Ave side.
- "Goatscaping" was performed by twelve goats on about 4 acres of hillside in the upper campus area above Salk Hall, Eberly Hall and below Falk School.
- Worked with students to construct and install 6 bee houses to help attract pollinator bees; assisted the Provost's Academy class by planting 6 Pawpaw tree seedlings in front of the Graduate School for Public Health.
- Future vision: continue to maintain a world class campus by using the most sustainable practices as well as new technologies. Their goal is to provide a beautiful campus for students, visitors and the public. Future landscape renovation projects around the Union and the Cathedral, will only make the University of Pittsburgh campus more beautiful.

Adjournment – David Beck adjourned the meeting at 2:37 pm

Kristin Gusten took members from Forbes Tower after the meeting to the 4th floor of Posvar Hall.

Next meeting: January 13 – 4065 Forbes Tower

- Utilization of Space and Energy

Remaining PUP Committee Meetings for 2019 - 2020

- ❖ February 17, 2020
- ❖ March 16, 2020
- ❖ April 20, 2020
- ❖ May 18, 2020
- ❖ June 15, 2020