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Tree Commission Hybrid Meeting Agenda

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84324261360>

July 18, 2022

5:15 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. CITIZEN'S INPUT

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 21, 2022

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS

None.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. CONSENT AGENDA

None.

b. TREE REMOVALS & NEW PLANTING OPPORTUNITIES

The Commission will conduct a site visit to the proposed tree removals and discuss possible planting opportunities.

Recommended motion: The Tree Commission approve the tree removals and locations to focus planting opportunities.

Staff Recommendation

That the Tree Commission approve the tree removals and planting opportunity locations.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

VIII. CALENDAR ITEMS

- a. Next FTTC meeting August 15th

IX. ADJOURNMENT

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP TREE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 21, 2022
5:15 PM

I. ATTENDANCE

The Tree Commission held its regular meeting via hybrid format on Monday, June 21, 2022. In attendance were:

COMMISSION:

Scott Pflumm
Marc McDill-Absent
Allyson Muth-Absent
Josh Potter
Mike Jacobson

STAFF:

David Modricker, Public Works Director
Summer Brown, Recording Secretary
Larry Maginnis, Township Arborist-Absent

Others in Attendance: Lee Grecni, Ferguson Township Resident.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Scott Pflumm called the Monday, June 21, 2022 Ferguson Township Tree Commission (FTTC) meeting to order at 5:19 pm.

III. CITIZEN'S INPUT

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Pflumm made a motion to approve the May 16, 2022 meeting minutes. Dr. Jacobson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. SPECIAL REPORTS

None.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Mr. Pflumm stated that the Education and Outreach Committee is proposing that all new street trees that are planted by the Township have a QR code attached to them that will direct a user to a page with more detailed information. The Commission discussed this idea in depth.

Mr. Pflumm called for a motion that to recommend the QR codes be placed on all newly planted Township street trees, Mr. Joshua Potter seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. CONSENT AGENDA- move agenda to next agenda

The Commission asked that all plans that are to be reviewed be added to the agenda. Dr. Jacobson also noted that he has not received any plans and that Dr. McDill normally forwards him the plans.

2. SPONGY “GYPSY” MOTH

Mr. Modricker asked that this topic be on the agenda as he has seen a lot of damage. The Commission discussed this topic in depth.

3. 311 McCLARY COURT WEST – TREE REMOVAL

Mr. Modricker stated that Mr. Lee Greci is present to discuss a possible removal of a red maple tree on his property. Mr. Greci stated that he spoke with Mr. Larry Maginnis the Township arborist. They discussed volcano mulching and how harmful it is to trees. Mr. Greci noted that he was unaware of this, and this is done to most of the trees on McClary Court. The volcano mulching has caused the roots to uplift, and they have taken of his yard and house. Mr. Greci stated that he is ready to remove and replace the tree at his cost. Mr. Greci stated that the replacement will be approved by the Arborist. Mr. Greci provided photos of the tree and roots. Mr. Greci stated that the roots make it hard for him to mow grass, is a walking hazard, and is headed toward his house. Mr. Modricker explained that Mr. Maginnis did a site view and consulted Mr. Modricker. Mr. Modricker suggested he bring the removal to the Tree Commission for consideration. Mr. Modricker suggested that the Commission view this tree as a part of the July tree tour and then decide. All parties were in favor of doing a site view during the July tree tour. **Mr. Pflumm called for a motion to add this tree and neighboring trees to the July tree tour, Dr. Jacobson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.**

VIII. STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. ARBORIST

None.

2. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORTS

Mr. Modricker provided a short update on the trail at Songbird Sanctuary. Mr. Modricker also reviewed the transportation and dinner options for the July tree tour. It was decided the Commission would use a commuter van and box lunches would be provided.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE TREE COMMISSION

X. ADJOURNMENT

The June 21, 2022 Tree Commission meeting ended at 6:15 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

David J. Modricker, Secretary
For the Tree Commission



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REMOVALS/MAINTENANCE

1. 311 McClary Court

- a. This removal request was heard at the June meeting. Red maple evaluation due to aggressive surface roots and infrastructure impacts.

2. Teener League Field

- a. Arborist would like to discuss maintenance work necessary in area with big target potential. A couple Oak and Pine trees are in questions at this location. Arborist would like to note that this would require significant labor and equipment investment.

3. 6894 Whitehall Road

- a. Removal of 2 trees in the ROW. This location has been inspected by both Lance King and Larry and there is notable cause for removal.

4. 757 Beaver Branch

- a. Large dead white oak at this address. This tree was evaluated for oak wilt and tested negative. The Tree is now dead and needs to be removed.

PLANTING OPPORTNITIES

1. Science Park Road – Sandy Drive – Circleville Road

- a. Mr. Maginnis suggests continuing planting adjacent to the spring 2022 planting locations along Science Park Road.