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# TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON

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## **Tree Commission Hybrid Meeting Agenda**

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

**November 21, 2022**

**5:15 pm**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

### **II. CITIZEN'S INPUT**

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. October 17, 2022

### **IV. SPECIAL REPORTS**

None.

### **V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **1. EDUCATION & OUTREACH**

**10 minutes**

##### **Narrative**

The subcommittee will provide an update on the education article for Commission review.

*Recommended motion: That the Tree Commission approve the monthly article topics.*

### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 2079 Pine Cliff Road
- Street Tree Planting on Water Valve Box
- SCBWA Removal/Relocation Requests

#### **2. REVIEW 2023 TREE PLANTING CONTRACT**

##### **Narrative**

The Commission review the 2023 Tree Planting contract with Township Arborist.

*Recommended motion: That the Tree Commission provide comment on the 2023 Tree Planting contract.*

#### **3. DISCUSS 2023 MEETING DATES**

##### **Narrative**

The Commission review the draft 2023 meeting dates for approval at January meeting.

*Recommended motion: That the Tree Commission review the draft 2023 meeting dates.*

**VII. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**15 minutes**

**1. Arborist Report**

**VIII. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

**IX. CALENDAR ITEMS**

- a. No meeting in December. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**FERGUSON TOWNSHIP TREE COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, October 17, 2022  
5:15 PM**

**I. ATTENDANCE**

The Tree Commission held its public hearing on tree removals and its regular meeting on Monday, October 17, 2022. In attendance were:

**COMMISSION:**

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

**STAFF:**

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

Others in Attendance: None.

**II. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Marc McDill called the Monday, October 17, 2022 Ferguson Township Tree Commission (FTTC) meeting to order at 5:23 pm.

**III. CITIZEN'S INPUT**

None.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Dr. Marc McDill stated that no one at tonight's meeting attended the September meeting. The Commission tabled this agenda item for approval at the November meeting.**

**V. PUBLIC HEARING FOR TREE REMOVALS**

Dr. McDill stated that no citizens are present. The Commission reviewed the tree removal/public hearing for tree removal process. The Commission acknowledged that the Arborist, Larry Maginnis is communicating well with residents for removals and replacements.

**VI. SPECIAL REPORTS**

None.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. EDUCATION & OUTREACH**

Mr. Scott Pflumm stated that Mr. Joshua Potter has been away so there is no new update. Articles are in line to be published. Mr. Maginnis noted that the Township has hired a new Communications Coordinator so there is a more structured process of when articles will be published on the website/newsletters.

## **2.OAK WILT UPDATE**

Mr. Maginnis stated that removals have been complete and stump grinding will follow. The affected trees are handling the injections well. Mr. Maginnis stated that he has spoken with many Beaver Branch residents about the infection. Injections are 2/3 complete and being received well by trees. With the notifications that went out Mr. Maginnis has spoken with a lot of residents of Beaver Branch and has taken a lot more samples and they have been negative.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Consent Agenda**

- **ALL WASHED-UP LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN**  
Mr. Maginnis gave some background on property. He noted that the last submittal was incomplete in regards to the tree preservation ordinance. Mr. Maginnis has been working with the developer to rectify the issues. A problem with this property is that the trees are growing autotrophically which presents a problem for the developer.
- **1004 W. COLLEGE VERT MIXED USE BUILDING**  
Mr. Maginnis stated that most trees on the border of this project are all invasive. The developer is keeping some of the buffer trees, but nothing has triggered the tree preservation ordinance.
- **PEACE CENTER & CEMETERY**  
Mr. Maginnis gave some background on the project. The developer provided an incomplete submittal, since then Mr. Maginnis has walked the property and continues to work with the developer.

The Commission reviewed the land development plan review process. It was determined that the Commission would like to see plans that were granted large waivers and have any issues.

## **IX. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **1.ARBORIST REPORT**

Mr. Maginnis stated that he is wrapping up the tree pruning contract. This contract will include over 800 trees, and several different neighborhoods. Mr. Maginnis noted that he assisted with the Penn State Forestry bus tour.

### **2.PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT**

Mr. Modricker stated that the most recent heritage tree nomination was passed by the Board of Supervisors. The BOS noted they would like to see more heritage tree nominations. Mr. Modricker reviewed the budget with the Commission. Mr. Modricker also provided an update to the Commission on the Park Hills Drainageway project.

**X. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE TREE COMMISSION**

Dr. McDill suggested a location near Valley Vista as a possible planting location. Mr. Modricker suggested a flowering tree/shrub line for this location.

Dr. McDill stated that he can't guarantee he will be present at the November meeting and would like to move the tree canopy update to the January meeting.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The October 17, 2022 Tree Commission meeting ended at 7:00 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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David J. Modricker, Secretary  
For the Tree Commission

## Brown, Summer

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**From:** Dan <Dan@scbwa.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 6, 2022 6:10 AM  
**To:** Maginnis, Larry  
**Subject:** RE: Arborist Contact

The tree at 2079 was planted on top of one of our curb boxes when the tree was planted they hit the box with the auger and then planted the tree on top of the curb box. Now if the residents would have a leak and need the water turned off we do not have any way to do that in and emergency.

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**From:** Maginnis, Larry <lmaginnis@twp.ferguson.pa.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 5, 2022 2:29 PM  
**To:** Seybert,Ron <rseybert@twp.ferguson.pa.us>; Dan <Dan@scbwa.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Arborist Contact

Hello Dan,

How can I help you out. During my inspections this morning I took a drive up Pine Cliff Road but didn't see anything out of the ordinary. Perhaps a clearance issue for future work?

Provide me the details and I will help you out any way I can. Thanks, Larry.

### Larry Maginnis

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**From:** Seybert,Ron <rseybert@twp.ferguson.pa.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 1, 2022 11:50 AM  
**To:** Dan <Dan@scbwa.org>  
**Cc:** Maginnis, Larry <lmaginnis@twp.ferguson.pa.us>  
**Subject:** Arborist Contact

Hey Dan,

It turns out that I do not have Larry's cell phone number, but he is copied on this email so that you can start a dialogue with him on the tree issue on Pine Cliff Road that you spoke with Lance King about. You can also get him by calling the Township office at 814-238-4651.

Thanks,  
RA

Ronald A. Seybert Jr., P.E.  
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## 2023 FTTC Draft Meeting Dates

*Meetings will take place at 5:15 pm on the third Monday of the month. Meetings will be held via hybrid format until further notice.*

January 17<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday in observance of MLK Jr. Day)

February 20<sup>th</sup>

March 20<sup>th</sup>

April 17<sup>th</sup>

May 15<sup>th</sup>

June 20<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday in observance of Juneteenth)

July 17<sup>th</sup>

August 21<sup>st</sup>

September 18<sup>th</sup>

October 16<sup>th</sup>

November 20<sup>th</sup>