

Ferguson Township Tree Commission
Date July 27, 2015
Worksession
Time 5:00pm

Marc McDill called the meeting to order at 5:15pm. The following were present: Marc McDill, Troy Bayletts, Mike Jacobson and Darlene Weener. Also present were Dave Modricker and Lance King. There were no past minutes to review. After a brief review of the agenda by Mr. Modricker, the group departed to visit the following proposed tree removal and planting locations:

Lexington Place including Charleston Drive – The Ferguson Township Tree Commission discussed removal of certain ash trees and allowing certain healthy trees to remain. Mr. King to prepare a planting plan.

Greenleaf Manor – The Ferguson Township Tree Commission discussed removal of certain ash trees and allowing certain healthy trees to remain. Mr. King to prepare a planting plan.

Columbia Gas main along Circleville Road – The Ferguson Township Tree Commission walked this corridor and field viewed tree locations and right of way and sidewalk stakes and identified 7 large trees in the right of way that should be protected. This means no trenching under the dripline of these trees, though boring is acceptable. Columbia has not responded to recent inquiries from Mr. Modricker. Any Highway Occupancy Permit or Tree Permit will reflect the comments of the Ferguson Township Tree Commission.

Chestnut Ridge Manor – Mr. Modricker reviewed the current agreement between the Homeowner's Association and the Township. The Ferguson Township Tree Commission recommends removal of certain ash trees and some deviation from the current agreement between the Township and the Homeowner's Association due to limited effectiveness of treatment. Mr. King to review a planting plan to be proposed by Homeowner's Association president.

Stable Hill (Marjorie Mae and Vairo Boulevard) – Modricker reviewed the current agreement between the Homeowner's Association and the Township. Certain ash trees that were not treated have not yet been removed and should be removed by Ferguson Township Public Works. The Ferguson Township Tree Commission recommends continuation of the cost sharing for treatment of those ashes that are healthy. The Ferguson Township Tree Commission discussed removal of certain ash trees and allowing certain healthy trees to remain. Mr. King to prepare a planting plan.

1111 West Beaver Avenue – 3 Large Norway Maples – Mr. King reviewed concerns expressed by the homeowner and conducted an evaluation of the trees with the Ferguson Township Tree Commission. The homeowner or tenant was present. The consensus of the group was to trim some of the heavier branches in the direction of the house but not to remove the trees at this time.

Cobble Creek (Shellers Bend) - The Ferguson Township Tree Commission recommends continuation of treatment of ash trees per agreement with Cobble Creek and removal of unhealthy ash trees on Shellers Bend that were not treated. Mr. King to prepare a planting plan.

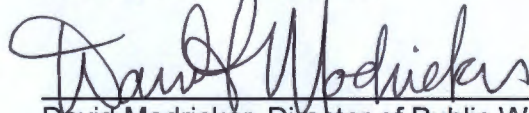
Thistlewood (Pine Grove Mills) – Mr. Modricker reviewed the history of the tree planting in this development and the complications associated with trees being planted outside the right of way. After a site view of the entire neighborhood, the Ferguson Township Tree Commission discussed options including obtaining easements on private properties for street trees and abandoning the street trees since this is a heavily wooded neighborhood with many trees planted in the front yards and wooded rear yards. The Ferguson Township Tree Commission did not favor replanting trees in the right of way in the roadside swale. Utilities exist behind the sidewalk.

Westfield/Hillside Park – Mr. King discussed a request by the contractor to substitute trees and the Ferguson Township Tree Commission is not interested in the substitutions. The Ferguson Township Tree Commission is in favor of sumac trees remaining in the existing tree row.

With no further business, the Ferguson Township Tree Commission returned to the Township Building and established the next meeting date and time as August 17, 2015 at 5:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David Modricker", written over a horizontal line.

David Modricker, Director of Public Works
For the Tree Commission