

**FERGUSON TOWNSHIP TREE COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, April 15, 2019  
5:30 PM**

**I. ATTENDANCE**

The Tree Commission held its public meeting on Monday, April 15, 2019 at the Ferguson Township Municipal Building. In attendance were:

**COMMISSION:**

Howard Fescemyer, Chairperson  
Darlene Chivers, Vice-Chairperson  
Marc McDill  
Scott Pflumm

**STAFF:**

Lance King, Arborist  
David Modricker, Public Works Director

Others in attendance were: William Elmendorf, Urban Forestry Professor PSU and Kristina Aneckstein, Ferguson Township GIS Technician

**II. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Fescemyer called the Monday, April 15, 2019 Ferguson Township Tree Commission meeting to order at 5:31 PM

**III. March 18th MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ms. Chivers and seconded by Mr. Pflumm to approve the March 18, 2019 meeting minutes with one correction. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Tree Preservation Ordinance**

Dr. Elmendorf provided information and handouts to the FTTC regarding tree preservation ordinances. The FTTC had a discussion covering the following topics: model ordinances, ordinance applicability, purposes for the ordinance. FTTC members will meet again with Dr. Elmendorf in June to review information and model ordinances. Dr. Elmendorf recommends involving the township solicitor in the process.

**V. Tree Canopy Survey**

Ferguson Township GIS Technician Kristina Aneckstein provided the FTTC with an update on the feasibility of completing a tree canopy survey utilizing township staff. The FTTC recommended that this work be budgeted for in 2020 and be completed by a contractor. Discussion followed on topics including: utilizing current data, utilizing historical data, what area should be surveyed, what reports

should be generated. The Arborist will request estimates from qualified contractors to assist with a budget request for 2020 to complete this work.

**VI. Arbor Day 2019**

The Arborist provided a brief update on the 2019 Arbor Day event including the date, time, location, and planned work.

**VII. 2019 C-13 STREET TREE PLANTING**

The Arborist reported that the contractor for this project has completed installation and inspections are complete. The contractor also replaced three trees from the 2018 contract that did not pass the one year inspection. In addition the bare root trees for the Stonebridge neighborhood will be received April 24<sup>th</sup> and be planted by Ferguson Township Public Works crews the following week.

**VIII. ARBORIST REPORT**

The Arborist reported on completed work since the last meeting including: tree inventory updates by the urban forestry intern, songbird sanctuary masterplan development, and the Fairbrook Park low mow area.

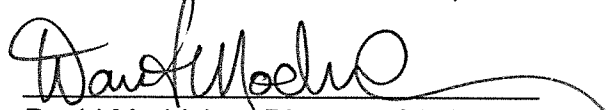
**IX. COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Ms. Chivers reported on the recent green infrastructure workshop she attended. Ms. Chivers stated much of what the township had done at Songbird Sanctuary is what was recommended at the workshop.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the April 15, 2019 Tree Commission meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

  
David Modricker, Director of Public Works  
For the Tree Commission