# FERGUSON TOWNSHIP TREE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES Monday, June 15, 2020

Monday, June 15, 2020 5:30 PM

#### I. ATTENDANCE

The Tree Commission held its public meeting on Monday, June 15, 2020 via ZOOM. In attendance were:

#### COMMISSION:

#### STAFF:

Scott Pflumm - Chair Person

Marc McDill - Vice Chair

Allyson Muth

Josh Potter

Mike Jacobson

Lance King, Arborist

David Modricker, Public Works Director

Jenna Wargo, Planning and Zoning Summer Krape, Recording Secretary

David Pribulka, Township Manager

Others in Attendance:

#### II. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Scott Pflumm called the Monday, June 15, 2020 Ferguson Township Tree Commission (FTTC) meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

#### III. May 18TH MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Scott Pflumm called for a motion to approve the May 18, 2020 meeting minutes with the following corrections: on page three, third line from the bottom make it clear that the heritage tree ordinance was moved from the tree preservation ordinance to the street tree ordinance. In section nine correct the spelling of perspective. Dr. McDill made a motion to approve, Dr. Jacobson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### IV. CITIZEN'S INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no citizen's input for items not on the agenda.

The Commission discussed organizational stewardship and being more efficient. Mr. Pflumm asked if the Commission wanted to make this an action item to report on each month. Dr. Jacobson stated that it's a good idea to do a yearly organizational meeting. Mr. Pflumm called for a motion to make organizational stewardship a yearly action item. Mr. Pflumm made a motion to approve, Dr. McDill seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### V. COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION MEMBERS

None.

#### VI. TREE PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

Mr. Lance King stated that he sent out all documents for the tree preservation ordinance, heritage tree ordinance amendment, and official Township plant list to

the Commission members. Mr. King asked the members to review and provide comment on the documents. Mr. King stated that he only received comments from a couple members, nothing that would drastically change the draft the members currently have at tonight's meeting. Mr. King stated that since he only received a few comments he was waiting until tonight's meeting to get more feedback. The Commission discussed some question points regarding tree size, canopy coverage, and some questions about Pine Hall and tree counting. Dr. Jacobson suggested the Commission hold a special session and go through point by point. Dr. McDill asked about the July tree tour meeting and Mr. King stated that he will be taking photos and making a PowerPoint of problem areas. Dr. McDill agreed with Dr. Jacobson's suggestion of dedicating a meeting to going over each point and suggested using the August meeting as a work session for the tree preservation ordinance. Mr. Pflumm made a motion to use the August meeting as a work session, the September meeting will be used as a second review with the edits made. Dr. McDill seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### VII. OFFICIAL TOWNSHIP PLANT LIST

Mr. King stated that he hasn't made any changes yet, because he expected more comments. Mr. King stated that if the Commission decides to make changes to species on the list, it will require a new resolution. The Commission discussed changing species. Ms. Wargo stated that when a land development application is submitted the applicant is entitled to the ordinance requirements as of that day. Mr. King recommended continuing with edits and discussing further at the next meeting.

# VIII. HERITAGE TREE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT None.

IX. TREE CANOPY SURVEY None.

## X. FTTC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION None.

#### XI. ARBORIST REPORT

Mr. King will send a copy of the arborist report to members via email.

## XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS None.

#### XIII. OTHER

None.

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### XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The June 15, 2020 Tree Commission meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

David Modricker, Director of Public Works

For the Tree Commission