

**FERGUSON TOWNSHIP TREE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 19, 2020
5:00 PM**

I. ATTENDANCE

The Tree Commission held its public meeting on Monday, October 19, 2020 via ZOOM. In attendance were:

COMMISSION:

Scott Pflum Chair
Marc McDill – Vice Chair
Allyson Muth-Absent
Josh Potter
Mike Jacobson

STAFF:

Lance King, Arborist
David Modricker, Public Works Director
Summer Brown, Recording Secretary

Others in Attendance: Randy Hudson, Nittany Valley Environmental Coalition member; Wes Glebe, Ferguson Township Resident; Scott Puzak, Ferguson Township Resident.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Scott Pflumm called the Monday, October 19, 2020 Ferguson Township Tree Commission (FTTC) meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

III. SEPTEMBER 21ST AND OCTOBER 1ST MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Josh Potter made a motion to approve the September 21, 2020 meeting minutes, Mr. Pflumm seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Josh Potter noted that the plant list has typos and the meeting was held at 10:30 am. Dr. Marc McDill recommended the Commission doesn't approve the October 1st minutes. Dr. McDill suggested the recording secretary take the notes he emailed the Commission and append them to the minutes. The Commission decided to move the approval of the October 1st minutes to the November meeting.

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

Mr. Randy Hudson stated that he sent the Township a comment letter and he received a point by point response letter back. Mr. Hudson stated that the suggestions that weren't accepted noted that there was a lengthy discussion on that topic but no reason why it was rejected. Mr. Lance King stated that Mr. David Modricker drafted the letter and he tried to be precise and short.

Dr. McDill noted that the Commission has "washed their hands" of the ordinance at the October 1st meeting. Dr. McDill stated that the Township gave the Commission an unacceptable timeline to finish the ordinance. Mr. Modricker joined the meeting and provided a status of the Tree Preservation Ordinance noting that the Commission has reviewed it numerous times, had special work

SavATree working in partnership with the University of Vermont. Mr. King reviewed a PowerPoint prepared by SavATree. Mr. Modricker stated that the Commission will get a very informative presentation from the consultant which should address their technical concerns.

Mr. Pflumm asked if after the presentation in November, revisions can be made, to which Mr. Modricker responded that the project has taken longer than expected and the consultant's presentation has a lot of information included. Dr. McDill asked if the Township will have the raw data from the survey. Mr. King stated that the Township does not have the data yet but will receive it. Mr. King stated that the Township chose the way they wanted to see the data. The Commission discussed the draft presentation by Mr. King. Mr. Pflumm asked if the Commission could have a list of questions to be answered by the consultant in November, and then SavATree can present to the BOS in December. Mr. King stated that the people that will be presenting from the University of Vermont are much more knowledgeable on the actual information.

Mr. Pflumm stated that he added four questions in the chat box based off of the Commission discussion. The questions are:

1. Where are gains (losses) not including game lands and state forest lands?
2. Which residential developments are seeing biggest/smallest gains?
3. Where should we focus on to do better?
4. Where are area to worry about?

Mr. King reiterated that this is not the final presentation this is just information that he wanted to get to the Commission.

VIII. OFFICIAL TOWNSHIP PLANT LIST REVIEW

None.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

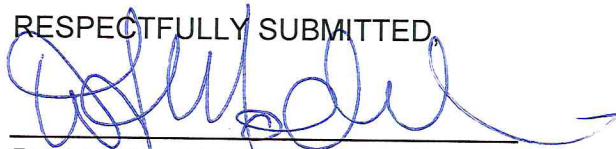
X. OTHER

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The October 1, 2020 Tree Commission meeting ended at 8:05 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



David J. Modricker, Director of Public Works
For the Tree Commission