

**FERGUSON TOWNSHIP TREE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 23, 2018
5:00 PM**

I. ATTENDANCE

The Tree Commission held its public meeting on Monday, July 23, 2018 at the Ferguson Township Municipal Building. In attendance were:

COMMISSION:

Howard Fescemyer, Chairperson
Darlene Chivers, Vice-Chairperson
Jerry Learn
Marc McDill
Mike Jacobson

STAFF:

Lance King, Arborist
David Modricker, Public Works Director
(attended meeting but not the tour)

Others in attendance were: Marcella Bell, Recording Secretary;

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Fescemyer called the Monday, July 23, 2018 Ferguson Township Tree Commission meeting to order at around 5:15 p.m.

III. JUNE 18, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the June 18, 2018 meeting will be reviewed at the next meeting.

IV. INSPECTION OF TREE REMOVAL SITES - ROOT/SIDEWALK/DRIVEWAY CONFLICTS

The group departed to visit the following proposed tree removal and planting locations as well as tree root and sidewalk/driveway conflict locations:

Park Center Boulevard Tree Root Sidewalk/Driveway Conflicts

Mr. King showed the Tree Commission the tree roots on a driveway on Park Center Boulevard. There was discussion regarding the tree replacement policy and setting an unwanted precedent if the Tree Commission were to remove the tree that conflicts with the driveway. Ms. Chivers suggested that the Commission compare the Township's tree ordinance with other municipalities' ordinances in the area. The Tree Commission will discuss this item more in depth at the next meeting.

Blue Course Drive/Westerly Parkway/Old Gatesburg Road

Mr. King showed the FTTC the trees that he marked for removal and the FTTC is in agreement that the proposed trees be removed and replaced with new trees.

Blair Road

The Commission would like Mr. King to leave the tree on Blair Road until next year to evaluate the health of the tree.

Sandy Drive/Devonshire Drive

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on Sandy Drive. Mr. King explained that he had a call from a resident just today to ask the Township to remove the two street trees in front of her house on Devonshire Drive. The FTTC observed that the trees are very large and need to be trimmed. Because the trees are large and shady, the grass does not grow very well on the slope of the resident's yard and in the right-of-way, sometimes leaving it a muddy mess. The FTTC suggested that Mr. King trim the two street trees and suggest to the resident that they plant shady grass seed and mitigate erosion control on the slope of their yard.

Martin Street/Teaberry Lane

Mr. King showed the FTTC the trees that he marked for removal and the FTTC is in agreement that the proposed trees be removed and replaced with a new tree.

Northwick Boulevard

Mr. King showed the FTTC the trees that he marked for removal and the FTTC is in agreement that the proposed trees be removed and replaced with a new tree. The Commission pointed out that the dying trees are being damaged by mulch volcanoes. There was a brief discussion regarding how to remedy the mulch volcano issue in the Heights Development. The FTTC suggested Mr. King send a letter to the land owner with information on the harmful effects of mulch volcanoes. The Commission was in agreement that the Township should not continue to pay for replacement trees if the landscaper continues to put mulch volcanoes around the street trees.

Pine Cliff Road/Harvest Run Road

Mr. King showed the FTTC the trees that he marked for removal and the FTTC is in agreement that the proposed trees be removed and replaced with new trees.

Prairie Rose Lane/Charleston Drive

Mr. King showed the FTTC the trees that he marked for removal. The FTTC would like the tree on Prairie Rose Lane to remain for one more year. On Charleston Drive, out of the two ash trees slated for removal, one should remain until next year and one should be removed.

Lois Lane

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V. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the July 23, 2018 Tree Commission regular meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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

David Modricker, Director of Public Works
For the Tree Commission