

**FERGUSON TOWNSHIP TREE COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, April 19, 2021  
5:00 PM**

**I. ATTENDANCE**

The Tree Commission held its public meeting on Monday, April 19, 2021 via ZOOM. In attendance were:

**COMMISSION:**

Scott Pflumm  
Marc McDill  
Allyson Muth  
Josh Potter  
Mike Jacobson

**STAFF:**

Lance King, Arborist  
David Modricker, Public Works Director  
Summer Brown, Recording Secretary  
Jaymes Progar, Township GIS

Others in Attendance:

**II. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Marc McDill called the Monday, April 19, 2021 Ferguson Township Tree Commission (FTTC) meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

**III. MARCH 15TH MEETING MINUTES**

Dr. McDill called for a motion to approve the March 15, 2021 meeting minutes.

**Mr. Joshua Potter made a motion to approve, Dr. Allyson Muth seconded the motion with one correction that Ms. Centrice Martin's title be changed to Assistant Manager, and the motion passed unanimously.**

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

None.

**V. COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Mr. Scott Pflumm stated that residents in English Meadows approached him regarding planting trees, the Commission discussed this opportunity. Mr. Potter stated that Jordan Robb and member of the Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Advisory Committee asked him if the Tree Commission can help educate the Pine Grove Mills community on the Tree of Heaven.

**VI. TREE CANOPY SURVEY**

Dr. McDill shared some ideas on how to make the tree canopy survey better suited for the Commission. Township GIS Technician Mr. Jaymes Progar was present to answer any questions asked by the Commission. The Commission discussed with Mr. Progar what they would like to see done with the Tree Canopy Survey. The Commission decided to focus on the following items:

- Older neighborhoods with/without tree canopy
- New neighborhoods with/without tree canopy
- Golf Course

- Parks
- State Forest/Game land
- Agriculture
- Major Transportation Corridors
- Commercial/Retail vs. Industrial/Research

**Dr. McDill called for a motion to approve these items, Mr. Pflumm seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.**

**VII. FTTC – COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES COLLABORATION- GREENING THE COMMUNITY**

Dr. McDill stated that the Commission will be meeting with multiple people at the May meeting to discuss community sustainability initiatives. His goal for this meeting is to learn about other initiatives in the community and if the FTTC can help/be a part of in any way. Dr. McDill noted that he would also like to discuss the Tree Canopy Survey with the guests and get their input on what they would like to see from the survey.

**VIII. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH**

Mr. Pflumm stated that first round of social media outreach went out featuring Township Arborist Mr. Lance King's biography. This was featured on the Township website and Twitter. Upcoming topics for education and outreach include the Spotted Lantern Fly and information on the FTTC. Mr. Pflumm suggested hosting a competition for schools to come up with a self-guided tree tour for Ferguson Township. Dr. Muth stated that she believes the Parks Committee is doing something similar to this using iNaturalist. Dr. Muth stated that this could be a collaborative effort between the two committees.

**IX. ADDITION OF SALIX DISCOLOR TO THE OFFICIAL TOWNSHIP PLANT LIST**

Mr. King stated that he was approached by a BOS member that asked why Salix Discolor was not on the official Township plant list. The Commission discussed the addition of Salix Discolor to the Township plant list. **Dr. McDill made a motion to include Salix Discolor to the official Township plant list, Mr. Potter seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.**

**X. ARBORIST REPORT**

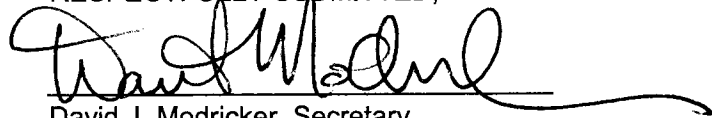
Mr. King stated that the Township received the bare root tree delivery and all of them have been planted. Twenty one of the bare root trees were planted in the stormwater basin at Haymarket Park and the remaining were planted as street trees in various locations. Mr. King noted that U.S. Fish and Wildlife will be planting an additional 75 trees and shrubs in the Haymarket Park stormwater basin as well. Mr. King stated the Township's new public works building will also receive major landscaping in the coming weeks. Mr. King stated that he is also working with Township Engineer on the Park Hills Drainageway project to evaluate the impacts on trees as a result of the project.

**XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**  
None.

**XII. OTHER**  
None.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**  
The April 19, 2021 Tree Commission meeting ended at 7:00 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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

David J. Modricker, Secretary  
For the Tree Commission