

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP TREE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 17 2021
5:00 PM

I. ATTENDANCE

The Tree Commission held its public meeting on Monday, May 17, 2021 via ZOOM. In attendance were:

COMMISSION:

Scott Pflumm
Marc McDill
Allyson Muth
Josh Potter
Mike Jacobson

STAFF:

David Modricker, Public Works Director
Summer Brown, Recording Secretary
Jenna Wargo, Planning & Zoning Director
Centrice Martin, Township Manager

Others in Attendance: Ray Stolinas, Centre County Planning Director; Peter Buck, PSU Sustainability Institute; Brandi Robinson, Ferguson Township Climate Action Committee; Pam Adams, COG Sustainability Planner;

II. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Marc McDill called the Monday, May 17, 2021 Ferguson Township Tree Commission (FTTC) meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

III. APRIL 19TH MEETING MINUTES

Dr. McDill moved the approval of the April 19th meeting minutes to the June Tree Commission meeting.

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS

The Commission met with Brandi Robinson, Chair of the Ferguson Township Climate Action Committee; Pam Adams, COG Sustainability Planner; and Peter Buck, PSU Sustainability Institute. The group had an open discussion on initiatives within the community and how the Tree Commission can help. The group discussed the following items:

- More tree planting to sequester carbon
- More bike paths with tree plantings
- Dealing with a warming climate
- Stormwater infrastructure
- No mow plantings
- Spring Creek Watershed Commission
- Solar power purchase agreement
- Penn State work study program and potential projects within the township
- Collaboration between other tree commissions

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. EDUCATION & OUTREACH

The education and outreach subcommittee stated that the current topic is "what is the Tree Commission". The Commission decided that the subcommittee will continue to work on topic ideas and discuss with the other members via email.

2. TREE CANOPY SURVEY

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. CONSENT AGENDA

None.

2. DISCUSS JUNE MEETING TOPICS

The Commission decided that the subcommittee will continue to work on topic ideas and discuss with the other members via email.

3. TREE TOUR

Staff will work with CATA on scheduling the tree tour for July.

VII. STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. ARBORIST REPORT

Nothing to report.

2. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORTS

The Commission asked what the status of the Township Arborist position is. Mr. Modricker stated that the Township is currently in a hiring freeze and is not looking for applicants. Tree matters are going directly to Mr. Modricker, Mr. Modricker stated that he is hopeful to have access to Al Sam in the next month for certain issues on a part time basis. In the interim Mr. Modricker has spoken with Ian Groy with Bartlett Tree Service and he will be available for issues as well.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE TREE COMMISSION


The Commission expressed interest in touring Songbird Sanctuary for the June meeting, it was decided the Commission will be at the Owen's Drive cul-de-sac and conduct usual business before the tour.

IX. CALENDAR ITEMS

X. ADJOURNMENT

The May 17, 2021 Tree Commission meeting ended at 7:10pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



David J. Modricker, Secretary
For the Tree Commission