

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

I. ATTENDANCE

The Tree Commission held its annual tree tour on Monday, July 19, 2021. In attendance were:

COMMISSION:

Scott Pflumm
Marc McDill
Allyson Muth
Josh Potter-Absent
Mike Jacobson

STAFF:

David Modricker, Public Works Director
Summer Brown, Recording Secretary
Al Sam, Arborist

Others in Attendance: None

II. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Marc McDill called the Monday, July 19, 2021 Ferguson Township Tree Commission (FTTC) meeting to order at 5:08 pm.

III. JUNE 21ST MEETING MINUTES

Dr. Marc McDill moved approval of the June 21st meeting minutes to the August meeting.

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS

1. None.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. CONSENT AGENDA

None.

2. HERITAGE TREE APPLICATION

As part of the annual tree tour the Commission's first stop was to review the Heritage Tree programs first nomination. The Commission stopped at the Baileyville Grange building and reviewed the application tree. Mr. Al Sam stated that the tree is a white oak, 55 inches in diameter, and he is estimating that is around 250-300 years old. Mr. Sam stated that the tree has minor issues that he has made recommendations on. **The Commission voted unanimously that the white oak be recommended to the Board of Supervisors for the Heritage Tree program.**

3. TREE REMOVALS & NEW PLANTING TOUR

Township Arborist, Mr. Sam mapped various locations for tree removals, the

Commission reviewed each of the following trees:

- **Timothy Lane** – Resident has requested the planting of 6 eastern red bud trees. Mr. Sam noted that the area is large enough for this many trees. The Commission agreed but would like Mr. Sam to ask resident to diversify the species with the possibility of black cherry or sycamore.
- **228 Val Verda** – Resident requested 2 eastern red buds, Mr. Sam noted that the location is a little tight. The Commission stated that they could remove the declining hawthorne and replace with one eastern red bud.
- **136 W Pine Grove Road** – It was determined that this dead tree is a PennDot tree and is their responsibility. The homeowner has reached out multiple times to no avail. It was decided that the Arborist and Commission will reach out and try to get the tree removed.
- **392 Meckley Road** – Resident requested a service cherry to be planted on their property. The Commission discussed and decided that a service cherry will be fine but the Arborist will discuss species diversity with the resident.
- **290 Rosemont Ave** – The tree at this location has died. The Commission decided to replant a fruitless sweet gum.
- **886 & 890 Grace Street** – Mr. Sam stated that there are two declining cherry trees. The Commission decided to discuss species to be planted at the August meeting. This is a big area and big trees could be planted here.
- **3011 Wells Terrace** – This tree was hit by a car and will be replaced with a genko tree.
- **Blue Course & Bristol** – dead linden and will be replaced with a plain tree.
- **Blue Course & Bristol on Bristol** – dead linden will be replaced with a tulip poplar.
- **Weis Market on Martin Street, Northland Bowl, and Nittany Oil** – The Commission decided to stick to the landscape plan and replant the already existing species.
- **1307 Ridgemaster on Teaberry** – Mr. Sam suggest a Shubert cherry as this is a large lot.
- **867 Teaberry** – Mr. Sam explained that this tree was hit by a car. The Commission discussed and decided to leave this area open for site distance but there is a planting opportunity across the street on Atlee Circle.
- **832 Sowards Place** – Resident requested two linden trees. The Commission decided that there is only enough room for one.
- **454 Park Lane** – Resident requested a dogwood tree. Mr. Sam stated that there is room for several trees. He will discuss with the resident the possibility for 3 dogwoods and cherry trees.
- **396/395 Havershire Circleville** – The Commission decided that a large species tree such as sycamore or oak could be planted

in this location.

- **The Commission noted that Circleville, Farmstead Lane, Science Park Road would be a good location for planting opportunities.**
- **2425 & 2585 Pinehurst Drive** - Residents requested Sargent cherry's be planted the Commission agreed.
- **2109 & 2201 Circleville Road** - Resident requested a tree. The Commission discussed that a tree could be added to the side of the home/between the speed limit and no parking sign.
- **1145 Foxpointe (N)** – Remove & replace with a coffee tree.
- **2400 Chatham Ct (island)** – It was determined that this area is maintained by the HOA.
- **1188 Longfellow Lane** – Remove existing dead tree and will not replace.

VII. STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. None.

2. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORTS

None.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE TREE COMMISSION

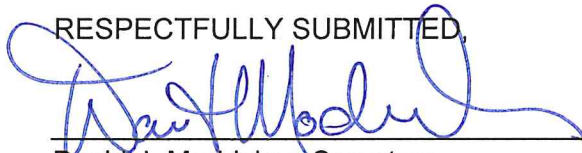
None.

IX. CALENDAR ITEMS

X. ADJOURNMENT

The July 19, 2021 Tree Commission meeting ended at 8:25 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



David J. Modricker, Secretary
For the Tree Commission

