

**FERGUSON TOWNSHIP TREE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 19, 2022
5:15 PM**

I. ATTENDANCE

The Tree Commission held its regular meeting on Monday, September 19, 2022. In attendance were:

COMMISSION:

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

STAFF:

David Modricker, Public Works Director
Summer Brown, Recording Secretary
Larry Maginnis, Township Arborist-Absent
Kristina Bassett, Community Planner

Others in Attendance: Ellen Kline, Ferguson Township Resident.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. David Modricker called the Monday, September 19, 2022 Ferguson Township Tree Commission (FTTC) meeting to order at 5:23 pm.

III. CITIZEN'S INPUT

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Joshua Potter made a motion to approve the August 15th Tree Commission minutes, Dr. Allyson Muth seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. SPECIAL REPORTS

None.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Mr. Maginnis stated that the sub committee met in September and the article has been submitted and residents should see it posted soon. Mr. Potter stated that the topic was regarding street trees.

2. TREE CANOPY SURVEY UPDATE

Mrs. Kristina Bassett, Township Community Planner is present to give the Commission an update on the tree canopy survey she's been working on. Mrs. Bassett stated that Dr. Marc McDill sent a list of items he would like to have updated. Mrs. Bassett reviewed her update with the Commission. She showed areas of Gains, Loss, and no change. Mr. Modricker asked Mrs. Bassett to add the percentage of total area of tree canopy coverage for each area. Mr. Modricker suggested Kristina come back in November with the changes

requested.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda

- **SALVATION BAPTIST CHURCH**

Mr. Maginnis stated that he has been working on this project for a couple months and has worked closely with the developer and is happy with how it's turning out. Mr. Maginnis noted that the tree inventory was quite extensive.

- **MP MACHINERY AND TESTING**

Mr. Maginnis stated that this is just an addition to a business. A lot of landscape trees on site. Mr. Maginnis stated that he submitted his latest comments today. Mr. Maginnis wants to make sure they save enough canopy coverage on this project.

2.OAK WILT – BEAVER BRANCH ROAD

Mr. Maginnis stated that he was working on removing a tree in the Township right of way and the owner alerted him to some sick trees on his property . Mr. Maginnis stated that he climbed and took samples and hand delivered to pathology and received positive result on Monday. Mr. Maginnis has contacted adjacent property owners and is currently working on a contract for removal. Mr. Maginnis noted that the affected trees were red oaks surrounded by white oaks.

VIII. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1.ARBORIST REPORT

Mr. Maginnis has been surveying walking routes for pruning work. Mr. Maginnis also stated that he is working with other Township staff to address an accident hot zone located on Autumnwood Drive. Mr. Maginnis also noted that he attended a training and is now a certified Chesapeake Bay Landscape professional.

2.PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Modricker stated that the Township stormwater engineer also attended the training and is now a certified Chesapeake Bay landscape professional.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE TREE COMMISSION

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The September 19, 2022 Tree Commission meeting ended at 7:00 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.



David J. Modricker, Secretary
For the Tree Commission

