

**FERGUSON TOWNSHIP TREE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 21, 2022
5:15 PM**

I. ATTENDANCE

The Tree Commission held its regular meeting on Monday, November 21, 2022.
In attendance were:

COMMISSION:

Scott Pflumm
Marc McDill
Allyson Muth
Josh Potter
Mike Jacobson

STAFF:

David Modricker, Public Works Director
Summer Brown, Recording Secretary
Larry Maginnis, Township Arborist

Others in Attendance: None.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Marc McDill called the Monday, November 21, 2022 Ferguson Township Tree Commission (FTTC) meeting to order at 5:19 pm.

III. CITIZEN'S INPUT

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Marc McDill made a motion to approve the September 19th meeting minutes, Dr. Mike Jacobson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Marc McDill made a motion to approve the October 17th meeting minutes, Dr. Mike Jacobson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. SPECIAL REPORTS

None.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Mr. Scott Pflumm stated that the subcommittee is still working on the December article. Mr. Maginnis suggested making the article about requesting a street tree. Dr. McDill suggested future article topics could include street trees and climate change.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda

Mr. Larry Maginnis stated that he was recently contacted by the State College

Borough Water Authority regarding the property located at 2079 Pine Cliff Road. After speaking with the water authority Mr. Maginnis would like to get the Commission's input. Mr. Maginnis stated that 5-6 years ago a tree was planted directly on top of a water box. Mr. Maginnis provided some background information and pictures of the location. SCBWA has requested the removal of this tree for multiple reasons. Possible root damage to the box and in the event a failure with the box occurs they will be unable to work around the tree to repair. Mr. Maginnis noted that replanting in this location will be difficult. The Commission discussed a possible smaller planting in that location and working with the property owner on a tree species.

2. REVIEW 2023 TREE PLANTING CONTRACT

Mr. Maginnis reviewed the 2023 Tree Planting contract with the Commission. Mr. Maginnis stated that this contract is a combination of replacement trees and new planting opportunities. Mr. Maginnis reviewed the locations and preferred species. Mr. Maginnis did note that this year he will be ordering 2.5 inch balled and burlap trees. The Commission reviewed the list and species.

3. DISCUSS 2023 MEETING DATES

The Commission reviewed the draft 2023 meeting dates with no corrections needed. **Dr. McDill called for a motion to approve, Mr. Pflumm seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

VIII. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. ARBORIST REPORT

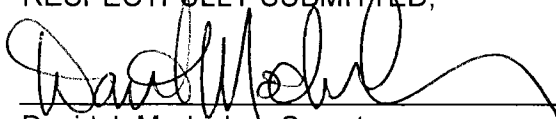
Mr. Maginnis stated that all stump grinding has been completed. He, along with the Public Works crew have been working on expanding the pollinator gardens around the Township building. Mr. Maginnis stated he has also been working on maintenance pruning. Mr. Maginnis is also working on the 2023 Tree City USA application.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE TREE COMMISSION

X. ADJOURNMENT

The November 21, 2022 Tree Commission meeting ended at 6:30 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



David J. Modricker, Secretary
For the Tree Commission