



## TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON

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### Tree Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86970986684>

**May 15, 2023**

**5:30 pm**

**I. CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm by Dr. Marc McDill.

The following individuals were in attendance:

**Commission:**

Marc McDill  
Mike Jacobson  
Scott Pflumm  
Josh Potter

**Staff:**

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

Others in attendance:

**II. CITIZEN'S INPUT**

None.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dr. Marc McDill called for a motion to approve the April 17, 2023 meeting minutes. Dr. Michael Jacobson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**IV. SPECIAL REPORTS**

None.

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**a. EDUCATION & OUTREACH**

Mr. Scott Pflumm stated that there is a small change in the Education and Outreach articles. The neighborhood map article that was supposed to be published this month has been moved to next month.

**b. ARBOR DAY 2023 DEBRIEF**

Mr. Larry Maginnis stated that the 2023 Arbor Day was a success. Mr. Maginnis provided an overview of the day to the Commission including photos. Mr. Maginnis stated that he is already making plans to make the event even bigger next year by including additional employees and tree care professionals to help with bucket truck rides and an "ask an arborist booth" kids climb and other events. Next year will be April 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at Tudek Memorial Park. Tabling and vendors will be added. Dr. McDill suggested inviting students to help with the event.

**c. 2023-2028 URBAN FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Mr. Maginnis distributed the revised 2023-2028 Urban Forestry Management Plan. Mr. Maginnis compiled the Commission and staff comments and made the appropriate revisions. Mr. Maginnis stated that he has included a signature page for the Arborist, Chair, and Secretary to sign if approved. The Commission discussed the process of what will happen to the plan once

approved. **Dr. McDill** made a motion to approve the **2023-2028 Urban Forestry Management plan** to forward to BOS, **Mr. Scott Pflumm**, motion passed unanimously.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. CONSENT AGENDA - None**

**VII. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. ARBOR REPORT**

Mr. Maginnis stated that the tree planting contract kicked off April 30<sup>th</sup> and finished last Friday 5/12. This contract included a number of replacements and a lot of new plantings. Mr. Maginnis stated that additional residents from the Meadows neighborhood have reached out and requested trees in front of their houses. Mr. Maginnis will be installing buffer trees in Greenbriar Saybrook Park and Songbird Sanctuary. The topic sparked conversation amongst the Commission and inquired about the the development of Songbird Sanctuary. Mr. Maginnis exhibited the Township's newsletter article regarding the mulch volcanoes. The Commission discussed in length how well this campaign has done.

**VIII. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD – NOTHING TO REPORT**

**IX. CALENDAR ITEMS**

**i. NEXT MEETING TUESDAY JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>**

1. The Commission discussed agenda items for the June meeting. Some suggestions included: Spongy Moth/insect control, Regional Cooperation, Diversity plan of tree species for tree removals/replanting.
- ii. The Commission discussed the July schedule and Dr. McDill made a motion to move the July meeting to July 24<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Potter seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The May 15, 2023 Tree Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



David J. Modricker, Secretary  
For the Tree Commission