



TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON

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Tree Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

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

August 21, 2023

5:30 pm

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 5:43 pm by Vice Chair Mr. Scott Pflumm.

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 of the June 20, 2023, July 24th regular meeting minutes and tree tour notes, Mr. Joshua Potter seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

The Commission discussed in length the policy for homeowner removal requests. The Commission requested this be an agenda item on the September 18th meeting.

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS

None.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. REVIEW RESOLUTION 2015-29 AND 2021-20 TREE LISTS

The Township reviewed resolution 2015-29, 2021-20, and the focus list that was most recently prepared. Mr. Maginnis noted that Patton and College Townships are looking to combine a list with Ferguson for adoption as well so we have a regional effort and landscaping companies can use. The Commission reviewed the resolutions and noted that the Commission put a lot of time and effort into 2021-20 and stand behind this list. **The Commission made a motion to combine to 2021-20 and 2020-40 and update Chapter 25 to include spacing guidelines Mr. Potter seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.**

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. CONSENT AGENDA – None**
- b. PUBLIC HEARING FOR REMOVALS**

Dr. McDill opened up public hearing on removals and planting opportunities. No residents were in attendance. Dr. McDill closed the public hearing. Dr. McDill called for a motion to accept the tree removals, Mr. Potter seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. ARBORIST REPORT

Mr. Maginnis stated that he is currently focusing a lot on tree maintenance. Recent weather events have generated a lot of storm response especially in the West end of the Township. Mr. Maginnis is also inspection landscapes for land development plans.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Mr. Pflumm had a resident ask if the Commission reviewed or were aware of the tree removal taken place at the intersection of Blue Course and Westerly. The Commission discussed this and Township Public Works Director stated that he and the Planning and Zoning director will address the residents request.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Spongy Moth
- b. Policy for homeowner requested street tree removals

X. CALENDAR ITEMS

- i. NEXT MEETING MONDAY September 18,2023.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The August 21, 2023 Tree Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm to convene the tree tour.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



David J. Modricker, Secretary
For the Tree Commission