

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP TREE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 20, 2020
5:30 PM

I. ATTENDANCE

The Tree Commission held its public meeting on Monday, January 20, 2020 at the Ferguson Township Municipal Building. In attendance were:

COMMISSION:

Scott Pflumm – Chair Person
Marc McDill – Vice Chair
Mike Jacobson
Allyson Muth
Josh Potter

STAFF:

Lance King, Arborist
David Modricker, Public Works Director

Others in attendance were: Summer Krape, recording secretary; Bill Keough, Ferguson Township Resident and Planning Commission member; Lisa Strickland, Ferguson Township Resident and member of the Board of Supervisors.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Scott Pflumm called the Monday, January 20, 2020 Ferguson Township Tree Commission (FTTC) meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

III. INTRODUCTION OF JOSH POTTER

The Commission introduced themselves to new member Mr. Josh Potter, and Mr. Potter introduced himself to the Commission.

IV. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Mr. Pflumm turned the meeting over to Mr. David Modricker, who opened up nominations for Chair person. **Mrs. Allyson Muth nominated Mr. Pflumm for Chair person, Mr. McDill seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.** Mr. Pflumm opened up nomination for the Vice Chair position. **Mr. Marc McDill nominated himself, Mrs. Muth seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.**

V. NOVEMBER 18TH MEETING MINUTES

Mr. McDill made a motion to approve the November 18, 2019 meeting minutes, Mr. Jacobson seconded the motion, and the motion passed. 4 voted yes, 1 abstained (Mr. Potter was not a FTTC member at the time.

VI. ABC EMAIL POLICY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mr. Modricker stated that in the packet is an email policy acknowledgement that needs to be signed and returned.

VII. FTTC GOALS FOR 2020

The Commission discussed goals they would like to achieve for 2020. They decided on the following:

- Tree City USA
- Maintenance Plan Development
- Increase Canopy Coverage/mapping of coverage
 - Planting plan
 - GIS mapping canopy coverage
- Tree Preservation Ordinance
- Increase species diversity
 - Inventory by species
- Education and outreach
 - Pest/disease
 - Arbor Day event
 - Coordinate tree ID signs on trails with park committee
 - Podcast
 - HOA Meeting
 - Coffee & Conversation
 - Cross municipality tree commission coordination
 - Coordination with other ABC's (Planning Commission, Parks Committee) and Engineering.

The Commission also made long term goals including: Tree Health/Monitoring and Promoting green infrastructure.

VIII. OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

The Commission discussed what was done with Outreach and Education in 2019 and what things will be done in 2020. The Commission's Outreach and Education goals for 2020 include: continuing to work on the podcasts, visiting HOA meetings, and attending Township events such as Coffee and Conversation.

IX. 2020 STREET TREE PLANTING

Mr. King stated that the current street tree planting contract is out to bid and bids will be opened next Tuesday, January 28th. This is for 44 balled and burlapped replacement trees which is equivalent to what was removed this year. Last week Mr. King placed an order for bare root trees for new plantings in Stonebridge and Chestnut Ridge. Mr. McDill asked to see a cumulative of the species of trees that have been planted in the last five years.

X. ARBORIST REPORT

Mr. King spoke about the current memo of understanding (MOU) with Patton Township. He spoke with Patton about pruning techniques and tools they may want to purchase. Mr. King stated that the pruning contract was awarded and will be done by April 1, 2020. Mr. King also stated that Ferguson Township will be hiring a full time tree maintenance specialist, whose responsibilities will

include pruning and fungicide injections. Ferguson Township will also be hiring a part time worker to help the specialist with ground work including chipping rush.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION MEMBERS

Nothing to discuss.

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Pflumm stated that in February he would like to prioritize the goals, schedule tasks, and delegate.

XIII. OTHER

Nothing to discuss.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The January 20, 2020 Tree Commission meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

David Modricker

David Modricker, Director of Public Works
For the Tree Commission