

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP TREE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 18, 2020
5:30 PM

I. ATTENDANCE

The Tree Commission held its public meeting on Tuesday February 18, 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: John Sepp, Penn Terra Engineering;

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Scott Pflumm called the Tuesday, February 18, 2020 Ferguson Township Tree Commission (FTTC) meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

III. CITIZEN INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. John Sepp from Penn Terra Engineering stated that he did the land development plans for the Cottages/The Yards and Scott's Landscaping will be doing the landscaping on the project. Mr. Sepp presented the landscaping plan for the project. Mr. Sepp noted that the major change was the trees that will be located close to Whitehall Road and a change in the variety of species. The Commission discussed who will be on the land development review committee. It was decided that Mr. Marc McDill and Mr. Josh Potter will be the land development committee.

IV. JANUARY 20TH MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Scott Pflumm called for a motion to approve the January 20, 2020 meeting minutes. Mr. McDill made a motion to approve and Mrs. Allyson Muth seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. FTTC BYLAWS

Mr. Modricker reviewed the bylaws with the Commission and it was decided that he will draft an updated version. The draft will be brought to the March 16th meeting for review and approval.

VI. TREE CANOPY SURVEY RFP REVIEW

Mr. Modricker reviewed the Tree Canopy request for proposals that were sent out with the Commission. The Commission discussed cost and the possibility of adding another proposal for a smaller area like 10-25% of the Township as a test

pilot to see the benefits. Mr. McDill had to leave at 6:45 to go to a prior obligation. Mr. Modricker also excuse himself to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting. Mr. Lance King named numerous advantages the tree canopy survey give.

VII. TREE PRESERVATION ORDINANCE (45 MINUTES)

Mr. King stated that Ms. Wargo would like the Commission to have her write the Tree Preservation Ordinance. Ms. Wargo would like the Commission to answer a couple questions for her to move forward. The Tree Commission went over Ms. Wargo questions and discussed each topic.

VIII. FTTC 2020 GOALS (30 MINUTES)

IX. OUTREACH AND EDUCATION (20 MINUTES)

Mr. King stated that staff has decided to move to audio only for the first 6 podcasts.

X. ARBORIST REPORT

Mr. King stated that he has some inspections coming up for landscaping plans for zoning, he also has to inspect street trees for Hunter's Chase and Saybrook. Mr. King also stated that he has held two interviews for the Tree Specialist position. Noted that the Street Tree Planting contract was awarded to Luther Lawn Care.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION MEMBERS

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Pflumm stated that a future agenda item would be to finalize goals. Mr. King stated that he will add the Tree Preservation ordinance and review tree canopy survey. Mr. Pflumm also asked to move the Arborist Report and Communication to Commission Members after the approval of minutes.

XIII. OTHER

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The February 18, 2020 Tree Commission meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

David Modricker

David Modricker, Director of Public Works
For the Tree Commission