

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP TREE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 15, 2022
5:15 PM

I. ATTENDANCE

The Tree Commission held its regular meeting on Monday, August 15, 2022. In attendance were:

COMMISSION:

Scott Pflumm
Marc McDill
Allyson Muth
Josh Potter
Mike Jacobson-Absent

STAFF:

David Modricker, Public Works Director
Summer Brown, Recording Secretary
Larry Maginnis, Township Arborist-Absent
Jenna Wargo, Planning & Zoning Director

Others in Attendance: Darryl Slimak, Township Resident.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Marc McDill called the Monday, August 15, 2022 Ferguson Township Tree Commission (FTTC) meeting to order at 5:17 pm.

III. CITIZEN'S INPUT

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Joshua Potter made a motion to approve both June 21st and July 15th Tree Commission minutes, Mr. Scott Pflumm seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. SPECIAL REPORTS

None.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Mr. Potter stated that the September article will be in regards to street tree care/street tree rules. Mr. Maginnis stated that in regards to circulation only 1000 people receive the eNewsletter. Mr. Maginnis explained that the Township provides a paper newsletter in April and October and over 6000 Township residents receive this newsletter. Mr. Maginnis stated that the Commission should use the paper newsletter to print the more important articles as it reaches more residents.

2. PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN FOR TREE OF HEAVEN

Ms. Jenna Wargo stated that she is the main staff member for the Pine Grove Mills Small Area Plan Committee better known as PineSAP. Ms. Wargo stated that one of the Committee's objectives has been to identify

and increase protection of natural resources in and around Pine Grove Mills area. The PineSAP Committee has requested that the Tree Commission create public awareness for Trees of Heaven as they are a natural habitat for Spotted Lantern Fly which pose a risk to the agricultural and forested areas of Pine Grove Mills. The Commission discussed the issues associated with the sudden removal of trees of heaven and the secondary effects. Dr. McDill suggested using this as a topic of education and outreach.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda

- None.

2. SLIMAK HERITAGE TREE NOMINATION

Mr. Darryl Slimak heritage tree nominator and tree owner is present and gave some overview on the trees he is nominating to the Commission. Mr. Larry Maginnis stated that he has examined the tree and the trees are in good condition. Some pruning has been done in the past and it was done correctly. The Commission discussed the nomination. **Dr. McDill called for a motion to accept both of Mr. Slimak's heritage tree nomination, the motion passed unanimously.**

VIII. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Mr. Maginnis stated that he has been fielding calls and emails. Recently, the Township rented a lift for maintenance and pruning around the Township.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE TREE COMMISSION

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The August 15, 2022 Tree Commission meeting ended at 6:45 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



David J. Modricker, Secretary
For the Tree Commission