

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP TREE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 21, 2022
5:15 PM

I. ATTENDANCE

The Tree Commission held its regular meeting via hybrid format on Monday, March 21, 2022. In attendance were:

COMMISSION:

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

STAFF:

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

Others in Attendance: Jim Maund, Ferguson Township Resident; Laura Dininni, Ferguson Resident/BOS Member.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Marc McDill called the Monday, March 21, 2022 Ferguson Township Tree Commission (FTTC) meeting to order at 5:18 pm.

III. CITIZEN'S INPUT

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Marc McDill made a motion to approve the February 28, 2022 meeting minutes. Mr. Josh Potter seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. SPECIAL REPORTS

None.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Mr. Scott Pflumm stated Arbor Day will be celebrated on April 30th at Tudek Park. Mr. Maginnis will manage the Arbor Day event. Mr. Pflumm stated that at the next monthly subcommittee meeting they will decide on the monthly articles for the year. As of now, they have the following topics for newsletters; Black Knot Fungus, 150th Arbor Day Celebration, Update from Forest Health Conference, How to Contact the Arborist, Tree Watering/Mulching Techniques. **Dr. McDill moved to approve the recommended topics; Mr. Potter seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.**

2. PARK HILLS TREE PLANTING PLAN

Mr. Modricker showed the Commission the landscape plan for the Park

Hills Drainage way Project with an emphasis on the landscape details and plantings within each zone. The Commission discussed the planting areas, amount of plantings and species. The Commission also discussed more shrub diversity.

3. ARBOR DAY

Mr. Maginnis gave an overview of the “pop up arboretum”. Mr. Maginnis stated that the trail will be self-guided, spotlighting 15 specific species that will be noted along the trail. Mr. Maginnis stated that signage will be put up at the beginning, through out, and at the end providing information on the trees and their benefits. At the end of the trail there will be a ceremonious moment when the Arbor Day proclamation will be held after 2 trees are planted.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- **FUSION JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE**

Mr. Maginnis gave an overview of the proposed development. Mr. Maginnis stated that this development will require a tree preservation plan. He also noted some minor comments he made such as trees are required within parking lot islands, and protecting the trees that are located close to the construction.

- **CENTRE ANIMAL HOSPITAL**

No update.

- **CENTRE VOLUNTEERS IN MEDICINE**

No update.

- **FARMSTEAD VIEW**

Mr. Jim Maund was present to discuss the large pine tree located in the proposed Farmstead View development. Mr. Modricker provided a status update noting that the developer submitted a modification to receive relief from the tree preservation ordinance. Mr. Modricker explained that staff is steadfast that a tree preservation plan be done and have met numerous times to discuss. Mr. Larry Maginnis stated that he met with the engineer and developer on site to discuss this specific tree. Mr. Maginnis stated that the developer viewed the tree as an additional hardship as they lost space due to other required items. Mr. Maginnis stated that the developer will continue to work on the plans and submittals. Dr. McDill stated that this ruling will be a precedent case in future developers requesting relief of this ordinance. The Board also discussed the possibility of nominating this particular tree as a Heritage tree.

Dr. McDill made a motion to accept consent agenda, Mr. Potter seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. ARBORIST

Mr. Maginnis stated that there were some downed trees from the storm that took place on March 7th & 8th. Mr. Maginnis stated that he and the public works crew will be working on grinding some stumps for the upcoming tree planting contract.

2. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORTS

No report.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE TREE COMMISSION

The Commission asked if future meetings could be held in person at the Township building. Mr. Modricker to check with the Manager on any changes to ABC meeting protocol.

X. CALENDAR ITEMS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The March 21, 2022 Tree Commission meeting ended at 7:00 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



David J. Modricker, Secretary
For the Tree Commission