

Ferguson Township Tree Commission (FTTC)

Date May 20, 2019

Meeting Agenda

Time 5:30pm

Call to Order

April 15th Meeting Minutes

The FTTC shall review and approve the minutes from the April meeting.

Tree Preservation Ordinance

FTTC shall continue discussion regarding the tree preservation ordinance and determine future steps in the process.

Tree Canopy Survey

The Arborist has been in contact with contractors that perform tree canopy surveys and will update the FTTC on current options.

SALDO/Zoning 6th Draft

The FTTC has been sent the 6th draft of the SALDO and Zoning Ordinance updates along with responses to some of the comments that were previously made. The FTTC shall discuss if any further comments are to be made, or any further action required.

Land Development Plan Review for FTPW Building and ES 382

Members of the FTTC have had the opportunity to review the land development plans for both the FTPW Building and ES382 (Sheetz). The Chairman would like the entire FTTC to have the opportunity to provide any additional comments that are needed.

Arborist report:

The Arborist will review work activities and plan reviews since the last meeting.

Communications to Commission Members

This is an opportunity for FTTC members to report on any contact by residents regarding FTTC matters.

Future agenda items

Tree Preservation Ordinance, SALDO/Zoning Update, Tree Pruning Contract

Other

Next meeting date and time is June 17th at 5:30pm

**FERGUSON TOWNSHIP TREE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, April 15, 2019
5:30 PM**

I. ATTENDANCE

The Tree Commission held its public meeting on Monday, April 15, 2019 at the Ferguson Township Municipal Building. In attendance were:

COMMISSION:

Howard Fescemyer, Chairperson
Darlene Chivers, Vice-Chairperson
Marc McDill
Scott Pflumm

STAFF:

Lance King, Arborist
David Modricker, Public Works Director

Others in attendance were: William Elmendorf, Urban Forestry Professor PSU and Kristina Aneckstein, Ferguson Township GIS Technician

II. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Fescemyer called the Monday, April 15, 2019 Ferguson Township Tree Commission meeting to order at 5:31 PM

III. March 18th MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Chivers and seconded by Mr. Pflumm to approve the March 18, 2019 meeting minutes with one correction. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Tree Preservation Ordinance

Dr. Elmendorf provided information and handouts to the FTTC regarding tree preservation ordinances. The FTTC had a discussion covering the following topics: model ordinances, ordinance applicability, purposes for the ordinance. FTTC members will meet again with Dr. Elmendorf in June to review information and model ordinances. Dr. Elmendorf recommends involving the township solicitor in the process.

V. Tree Canopy Survey

Ferguson Township GIS Technician Kristina Aneckstein provided the FTTC with an update on the feasibility of completing a tree canopy survey utilizing township staff. The FTTC recommended that this work be budgeted for in 2020 and be completed by a contractor. Discussion followed on topics including: utilizing current data, utilizing historical data, what area should be surveyed, what reports

should be generated. The Arborist will request estimates from qualified contractors to assist with a budget request for 2020 to complete this work.

VI. Arbor Day 2019

The Arborist provided a brief update on the 2019 Arbor Day event including the date, time, location, and planned work.

VII. 2019 C-13 STREET TREE PLANTING

The Arborist reported that the contractor for this project has completed installation and inspections are complete. The contractor also replaced three trees from the 2018 contract that did not pass the one year inspection. In addition the bare root trees for the Stonebridge neighborhood will be received April 24th and be planted by Ferguson Township Public Works crews the following week.

VIII. ARBORIST REPORT

The Arborist reported on completed work since the last meeting including: tree inventory updates by the urban forestry intern, songbird sanctuary masterplan development, and the Fairbrook Park low mow area.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION MEMBERS

Ms. Chivers reported on the recent green infrastructure workshop she attended. Ms. Chivers stated much of what the township had done at Songbird Sanctuary is what was recommended at the workshop.

X. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the April 15, 2019 Tree Commission meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

David Modricker, Director of Public Works
For the Tree Commission