

**FERGUSON TOWNSHIP TREE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, March 18, 2019
5:30 PM**

I. ATTENDANCE

The Tree Commission held its public meeting on Monday, March 18, 2019 at the Ferguson Township Municipal Building. In attendance were:

COMMISSION:

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

STAFF:

Lance King, Arborist
David Modricker, Public Works Director

Others in attendance were: Marsha Whitehead of Cobble Creek Manor

II. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Fescemyer called the Monday, March 18, 2019 Ferguson Township Tree Commission meeting to order at 5:34 PM

III. JANUARY 28TH MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Chivers and seconded by Dr. McDill to approve the January 28, 2019 meeting minutes as amended by Dr. Fescemyer. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. SALDO/ZONING UPDATE

The Chairman led a discussion of the group regarding comments made by the FTTC on the update to the subdivision and land development ordinance and the zoning ordinance. Mr. Modricker will inquire with the Planning Department staff regarding when the topic will be presented to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

V. TREE PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

The Chairman led a discussion of the group regarding work necessary to prepare a draft tree preservation ordinance and the depth and breadth of such and ordinance. A tree canopy survey is necessary and Mr. Modricker will request the GIS technician to be present at the next FTTC meeting to provide an update and answer questions. Mr. Pflumm indicated a willingness to meet with the GIS technician or inquire regarding training opportunities. Dr. Fescemyer will distribute examples of tree preservation ordinances to FTTC members. FTTC

members are requested to provide an email response to Dr. Fescemyer by April 12, 2019 regarding thoughts and topics to be considered in such an ordinance for Ferguson Township. Mr. King and Dr. Fescemyer have both tried to contact Dr. Elmendorf on this topic. Mr. Modricker will request Dr. Elmendorf attend the April 15th FTTC regular meeting.

VI. FERGUSON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

The Chairman provided a copy of the landscaping plan for the new Ferguson Township Public Works building. The FTTC viewed the plan and discussed the comments that were submitted by the Chairman. No further action was required.

VII. 2019 C-13 STREET TREE PLANTING

The arborist reported the street tree planting contract for 2019 has been awarded to Greene's Landscaping LLC. The contractor and the arborist are scheduled to stake out locations for the replacement trees on March 22, 2019. The arborist stated the number of trees to be planted in this contract is lower than normal due to Ferguson Township Public Works crews planting the new trees in the Stonebridge neighborhood themselves.

VIII. ARBORIST REPORT

The arborist reported on work activity since the last meeting. This included work on the pollinator plot at Songbird Sanctuary, the conversion of the Haymarket Park basin to a pollinator seed mix, the Suburban Park masterplan, the Fairbrook park low mow and native landscaping areas, and coordination of the 2019 Arbor Day Celebration.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION MEMBERS

Ms. Chivers expressed interest in attending a work shop at the Penn Stater titled "Making Connections & Managing Water for Multiple Community Benefits." Mr. King will register Ms. Chivers for this work shop on the township's behalf.

X. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the March 18, 2019 Tree Commission meeting adjourned at 7:57PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

David Modricker, Director of Public Works
For the Tree Commission