

Ferguson Township Tree Commission (FTTC)
Regular Meeting Agenda
Monday, January 19, 2015
5:30 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Discussion of Ferguson Township email addresses for FTTC members

All email communication is to be sent to FTTC members official township email address. Please review correspondence from David Pribulka, Assistant Township Manager, and check your email frequently. Staff will review the login process and answer any questions.

3. 2015 street tree planting plan

Staff typically puts the spring tree planting contract out to bid in February for a March award and an April planting. To allow the FTTC to review the plan, notify homeowner associations and receive input, send resident mailings, conduct a field view with the FTTC, post trees that need to be removed, remove trees, and finally put a contract out to bid, the planting plan process must start about a year before trees can be put in the ground. Due to the emerald ash borer (EAB) infestation, staff has been concentrating on ash tree replacement. The Public Works Director and the State College Borough arborist reviewed the neighborhoods with remaining ash trees and prepared draft planting plans. **Staff requests the FTTC review, comment and approve the planting plan for Sylvanview and Blue Course Drive for a spring of 2015 planting and approximately 22 street trees that were reported dead in the last year, viewed by Al Sam, and suggested for replacement.** Staff will also review the proposed planting plans for Greenleaf Manor and the Charleston Drive neighborhood for proposed planting in spring of 2016.

4. Review of planting plan for Saybrook phases 9A and 9B

These subdivision plans were approved prior to the adoption of the new street tree ordinance. The developer's contractor, Lindsey Keifer, has proposed tree plantings other than shown on the approved drawings to be more consistent with the new ordinance and not plant a monoculture. **Staff requests the FTTC to review, comment, and approve the proposed planting plans.**

5. Review of planting plan for Westfield Park

The Westfield Park will be developed in 2015 in accordance with the master plan and a grant obtained through DCNR. Township staff in consultation with CRPR staff arborist developed the attached park planting plan. **Staff requests the FTTC to review, comment, and approve the proposed planting plan for Westfield Park.**

6. Tree removal plan for Haymarket Park

Attached find a grading plan for stormwater improvements in Haymarket Park in accordance with an agreement made between the Township and Johnson Farm Associates prior to the adoption of the new tree ordinance. Certain trees need to be removed to allow grading to occur. The developer is able to save some trees. **Staff requests the FTTC to review and comment on the plan.**

7. Review of street tree planting request by Stonebridge HOA
The Public Works Director received a request from Continental Real Estate Management on behalf of the Stonebridge HOA to plant 10 trees in the public right of way of Stonebridge Drive. This median was planted originally with ash trees that have since been removed. The HOA desires to move forward with a planting plan since at the time the trees were removed, staff could not commit to a time frame to replace the trees. Staff also recently learned of a request by developers of the Cottages to run a sewer main extension along Stonebridge Drive in this location, though neither detailed plans nor a permit have been submitted. **Staff requests the FTTC consider the tree planting request.**
8. Approval of November 17, 2014 Meeting Minutes
Attached find minutes of the last meeting. **FTTC should review and approve the minutes.**
9. Update on Arborist position
10. Communications to Commission Members
This is an opportunity for FTTC members to report on any contact by residents regarding FTTC matters.
11. Status of testing firewood for Oak Wilt on Jacobson property
A report will be provided by David Modricker and Mike Jacobson.
12. Review of Ash Tree Management Program
David Modricker will provide a verbal report on the EAB abatement program to date.
13. Review of Ash Tree Treatment Agreements with
 - a. Chestnut Ridge Manor (CRM) HOA
 - b. Cobble Creek Manor HOA
 - c. Stable HillsDavid Modricker will provide a verbal report on the status of the above agreements.
14. Review of correspondence from Joe Boston, Sagamore Drive regarding ash tree removals in CRM HOA and tree replacement process
FTTC should review the correspondence and provide any comments to staff.
15. Overview of landscape plan for the Cottages tentative PRD
Staff will review the draft master plan for plantings. No action necessary. A planting plan will be submitted for review with the final PRD plan.
16. Review of tree removals
 - a. Hazard tree (oak) in ROW on Sleepy Hollow
 - b. Hazard tree (elm) in ROW on Tadpole Road
17. Future
 - a. Presentation and Q&A with Al Sam, State College Borough Arborist
18. Other
19. Next meeting is **Tuesday**, February 17, 2015 at 5:30 pm