



# CITY OF ASHLAND



Ashland Tree Commission  
Minutes  
January 6, 2022

## Call to Order

Commission Chair Chris John called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm by ZOOM

<b>Commissioners Present:</b>	<b>Council Liaison</b>
Christopher John	Stephen Jensen - <b>Absent</b>
Asa Cates	
Vacancy (3)	<b>Park Liaison</b>
Eric Simpson	Peter Baughman
Vacancy (5)	
	<b>Staff Present:</b>
Vacancy (7)	Aaron Anderson: Associate Planner
<b>Commissioners Not In Attendance:</b>	
Cat Gould	

## Approval of Minutes

***Commissioners Chris John / Eric Simpson m/s to approve the minutes of December 9, 2021. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed***

## Public Forum

There was no one in the audience wishing to speak.

## Liaison reports

**Council Liaison** – Not present

**Parks & Recreation Liaison** – Peter gave a brief report about the snow damage that happened over the recent weather event.

**Community Development Liaison** – Anderson briefly mentioned that the city now had a new City Manager who began Jan 3rd.

## TYPE I REVIEWS

**PLANNING ACTION:** PA-T1-2021-00168

**SUBJECT PROPERTY:** 34 Scenic Dr.

**OWNER/APPLICANT:** Rouge Development for Gobelman & Stahmann

**DESCRIPTION:** A request for a minor land partition to divide the large area parcel into three parcels. This is before the tree commission to review their tree protection plan.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DESIGNATION:** Single Family Residential; **ZONING:** R-1-7.5; **MAP:** 39 1E 08 AD, **TAX LOT:** 7300

Ms. Gunter presented a brief PowerPoint presentation detailing the trees on site and the proposed tree protection plan. Asa stated that he felt the conifers were looking in good shape and likely because of their location in the draw was providing more water. John felt that this was an easy application, and he had no objections to the proposed plan.

***Commissioners: Asa Cates / Eric Simpson M/S to recommend approval of the proposal as presented. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed***

**PLANNING ACTION:** PA-T1-2021-00169  
**SUBJECT PROPERTY:** 440 Glenview Drive  
**APPLICANT/OWNER:** Kencairn Landscape Architecture for owner Clark Pothoff  
**DESCRIPTION:** A request for a Physical & Environmental (P&E) Constraints Review Permit to construct a new residence on hillside lands with severe constraints. This is before the tree commission to review the tree removal/protection and planting plan.  
**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DESIGNATION:** Rural Residential; **ZONING:** RR-.5; **MAP:** 39 1E 09CC; **TAX LOT:** 1301

Staff briefly presented the application and mentioned that some of the trees shown were already removed during the installation of the driveway. Staff requested that the tree commission consider the allowance of a flexible fencing rather than chain link due to the steep topography. Debrah Anderson at Terrace above the property was present to speak in favor of saving as many trees as possible based on the western exposure. The tree commission reviewed the planting plan and felt that there were more trees being planted than being removed and that the species selected appeared to be appropriate for the aspect of the hillside and the hot sun that it will receive. The tree commission discussed the flexible fencing and was in favor. There was general agreement that the home site was set up in such a way

***Commissioners: Asa Cates / Eric Simpson M/S to recommend approval of the proposal as presented with the recommendation that the tree protection zone be increased wherever possible and allow the use of non-standard tree protection fencing. Voice vote: All Ayes, motion passed***

**PLANNING ACTION:** PA-T1-2021-00170  
**SUBJECT PROPERTY:** 218 Logan  
**OWNER/APPLICANT:** KenCarin Landscaping for Bonnington  
**DESCRIPTION:** A request for a Physical & Environmental (P&E) Constraints Review Permit s the construction of a new home on a previously approved lot, prior to the implementation of the Hillside Standards Ordinance. This is before the tree commission to review the tree removal/protection and planting plan.  
**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DESIGNATION:** Single Family Residential; **ZONING:** R-1-10; **MAP:** 39 1E 08 AA, **TAX LOT:** 6913

Staff briefly presented the application and mentioned that it was very similar to the previous application that was just reviewed. There was no one from the public to speak in favor or against. The tree commission deliberated briefly before a motion was made to approve the proposal.

***Commissioners: Chris John / Eric Simpson M/S to recommend approval of the proposal as presented. Voice vote: All Ayes, motion passed***

### **Discussion Items**

- Tree of the year nominations
- Tree City USA
- Tree inventory project on GIS

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:03p.m.

**Next Meeting:** February 3, 2022

*Respectfully submitted by Liz Hamilton*