

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER II OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE REGARDING THE NUMBER OF ALTERNATE MEMBERS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SHADE TREE ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, the Township of Aberdeen (the “Township”) maintains Chapter II entitled “Administration” of the Township Code, specifically Section XLVII therein entitled “Advisory Boards and Commissions;” and

WHEREAS, Chapter XLVII of the Township’s Code currently provides oversight and control of the Environmental and Shade Tree Advisory Board for the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council determined it is in the best interests of the Township residents to amend and supplement the Township Code to enact an increase from two alternate members to three alternate members;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Township of Aberdeen that:

Section 1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated in their entirety, as if restated herein.

Section 2. Chapter XLVII of the Township Code, entitled “Administration,” be and is hereby amended and supplemented by deleting the text in ~~bold-strikeout~~ and adding the text in **bold underlined** as follows:

2-47.3 Environmental and Shade Tree Advisory Board

- a. Creation; Members. There shall be an Environmental and Shade Tree Advisory Board known as the Environmental and Shade Tree Advisory Board of the Township of Aberdeen. The Board shall be composed of five (5) persons and ~~two (2)~~ **three (3)** alternates, who shall be appointed by the Township Council for terms ending January 31 of each year, the Chairman of which is to be elected by a majority of the members thereof each year. The Board shall also consist of two (2) non-voting advisory positions, which shall be open to students enrolled in Matawan-Aberdeen Regional High School who shall be appointed by the Township Council to terms ending January 31 of each year.
- b. Duties and Functions. The Environmental and Shade Tree Advisory Board's duties and functions shall be as follows:
 1. Study, review and determine the existing quality of the air and waterways in the Township.
 2. On behalf of the Township Council, receive and investigate allegations of air or water pollution in the Township; advise the Council of any findings and offer recommendations.
 3. Study, review and determine the desirability of a Township reclamation-recycling program; advise the Council of its findings and recommendations; administer such a program if the Council so determines.

4. Provide comments to the Planning Board regarding the environmental impact of proposed projects and developments within the Township.
5. Study ways to improve the quality of the physical environment within the Township; advise the council of its findings and recommendations.
6. Perform any other studies or functions as directed by the Township Council.
7. The Board shall have the following additional duties and functions;
 - a. To advise and make recommendations to the Planning Board concerning shade trees.
 - b. To advise the Township Manager concerning:
 1. The regulation, planting and care of shade and ornamental trees, shrubbery now located or which may hereafter be planted in any public highway or parkway, including the planting, trimming and spraying, care and protection thereof.
 2. The regulation and control of the use of the ground surrounding the same so far as may be necessary for the proper growth, care and protection.
 3. Moving or requiring the removal of any tree or part thereof dangerous to public safety.
The Environmental and Shade Tree Advisory Board shall annually file a written report with the Township Council relating the functions and activities of the Environmental and Shade Tree Advisory Board for the previous year.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, clause, or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 4. Repeal of Prior Ordinances. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as provided by law.

Introduced: January 18, 2024

Adopted: February 1, 2024

ATTEST:

Township of Aberdeen

Melissa Pfeifer
Municipal Clerk

By: _____
Fred Tagliarini
Mayor