

**OFFICIAL
MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 4-8-24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK BY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION FROM FIVE VOTING MEMBERS TO SEVEN VOTING MEMBERS AND DELETING REFERENCES TO ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Council of the Municipality of Bethel Park has determined that the public health, safety, convenience and welfare of the residents and property owners in the Municipality of Bethel Park will be benefitted by authorizing the appointment of seven voting members of the Shade Tree Commission, instead of five voting members as is currently included in the ordinances of the Municipality and by removing the option of appointing alternate members to the Shade Tree Commission; and

WHEREAS, Council seeks to amend Chapter 13 of the Code of the Municipality of Bethel Park accordingly.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained and enacted by Council of the Municipality of Bethel Park, in meeting assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by and with the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1: THAT Section 13.4.1 which currently states:

“The Commission shall consist of five voting members who will serve without compensation. The voting members will be appointed by the Council. The Council will endeavor to appoint members who have experience and/or expertise in environmental and "shade tree" issues and practices.”

be amended to increase reflect seven voting members and shall state the following:

“The Commission shall consist of seven voting members who will serve without compensation. The voting members will be appointed by the Council. The Council will endeavor to appoint members who have experience and/or expertise in environmental and "shade tree" issues and practices.”

SECTION 2: THAT Section 13.5.1 which currently states:

“The term of each voting member of the Commission will be five years. To ensure continuity from year to year, the terms of initial members will be staggered. Staggered terms will be created

initially by having the Municipality appoint one member for three years, another two members for four years, and the last two members for five years. On expiration of each term of that member, the Municipality will either reappoint the member or appoint a successor, who will serve a full five-year term.”

be amended to reflect the terms of additional members shall be staggered and shall state the following:

“The term of each voting member of the Commission will be five years. To ensure continuity from year to year, the terms of initial members will be staggered. Staggered terms will be created initially by having the Municipality appoint one member for three years, another two members for four years, and the last two members for five years. On expiration of each term of that member, the Municipality will either reappoint the member or appoint a successor, who will serve a full five-year term. In the event the Municipality increases the number of voting members beyond five, the terms of any additional members shall be staggered so that the terms of not more than three members will expire in any given year.”

SECTION 3: THAT Section 13.7.2 which currently states:

13.7.2. All voting and alternate members of the Commission are expected to regularly attend Commission meetings.

be amended to delete the reference to alternate members and shall state the following:

13.7.2. All Members of the Commission are expected to regularly attend Commission meetings.

SECTION 4: THAT the following sections of the Bethel Park Code referencing alternate members of Shade Tree Commission shall be deleted:

Section 13.4.2

Section 13.5.5

Section 13.5.6

Section 13.5.7

SECTION 5: THAT the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall not for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses and phrases of the Ordinance, but they shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

SECTION 6: That this Ordinance shall be effective in 30 days.

SECTION 7: That any ordinance or part of any ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance be, and the same is hereby, repealed to the extent of such conflict.

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ORDAINED and ENACTED into law, this 8th day of April, 2024.

ATTEST:

MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK



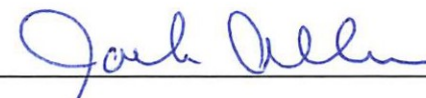
Secretary

BY



President of Council

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me, this ___ day of _____, 20__.



Mayor