



MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES May 20, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at 7:30 PM, Wednesday, May 20, 2015, in the Montgomery Township Building on Stump Road. The members of the Shade Tree Commission in attendance included: Roy Rodriguez and Rich Roller. Also present: Michael Fox, Board Liaison; Marianne McConnell, Deputy Zoning Officer; Valerie Liggett, Boucher & James; and Greg Reiff, Parks Foreman.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion made by Rich Roller and seconded by Roy Rodriguez, the minutes from the April 15, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

Public Comment: none

Correspondence: none

Update on Projects:

Land Development – The Commission was updated on the following projects: Pour House land development waiver request; BJ's Warehouse tree protection fencing inspection; BJ's Fueling Station Probable Cost; North Wales Crossing land development waiver request; Narayan Guest House final plan review; General Hancock Townhomes (Highview) End of Maintenance inspection. Community Center plantings installed before final grading.

Shade Tree Projects – Meadow at Memorial Grove / Horvath Tract. The meadow is scheduled to be mowed down to about a 10 inch height for maintenance. It should be cut in May or June to promote the growth of the grasses. The Commission reviewed the recommended seed mixes to spread over the meadow to introduce grasses and fill in some of the holes. The Commission proposed to purchase the Eastern Ecotype Native Grass Mix (ERNMX-177) at a cost of \$153.30 per acre for 3 acres totaling \$459.90 and to purchase the PA Piedmont Province FACW Mix at a cost of \$1387.80 per acre for 1 acre coverage to fill in spots for a total cost of \$1387.80. The total purchase cost would be \$1847.70 plus shipping.

Old Business:

Invasives Treatment Education and Public Notification Discussion – The Commission further discussed the need to educate and notify the residents of the possible invasives treatment program for the wooded areas of Windlestrae Park. Quotes were obtained for the spraying of herbicides within 63 acres of the park outlined in sections MU1 and MU2 of the forestry management plan for Windlestrae Park. The Commission discussed the project and had some questions regarding procedures for rain or windy applications, length of time required to stay out of the sprayed area, postings, public notifications, and letters to adjacent property owners. It was also suggested and discussed the option to reduce the project to a smaller area as a

“trial run” which would be more manageable as a first time endeavor. The area proposed and selected by the Commission was the 13 acre Horvath tract / Memorial Grove site.

New Business:

Legacy Tree Plaques – The 8”x12” black granite pavers were ordered and received by the Township for the designated Legacy Trees on private properties within the Township. The Commission would like to invite the property owners to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting on June 8, 2015 to present the plaques to them.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm. The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on June 17th, 2015 at the Montgomery Township Building.