



MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES

August 19, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at 7:30 PM, Wednesday, August 19, 2015, in the Montgomery Township Building on Stump Road. The members of the Shade Tree Commission in attendance included: Roy Rodriguez, Mary Brock, Jay Glickman, and Rich Roller. Also present: Marianne McConnell, Deputy Zoning Officer; and Judy Stern-Goldstein, Boucher & James.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion made by Mary Brock and seconded by Jay Glickman, the minutes from the June 17, 2015 meeting were approved as amended.

Public Comment: Elaine Lee of 100 Woodlea Terrace discussed concerns she had over the naturalization of the second basin near her home. The first basin was naturalized by an outside company, FX Browne, in 2006. It was designed to hold about 4 inches of water within the basin to create the ecosystem. Ms. Lee was concerned about the mosquito problem the first basin caused and that the second basin would make it worse. Ms. Lee was also concerned about the increase in wildlife in the area; bugs, mice, deer, rabbits, chipmunks, groundhogs. The Commission discussed the installation of bat boxes to help with the mosquito problem and confirm that the field surrounding the basins are mowed on a regular basis.

Correspondence: none

Update on Projects:

Land Development – The Commission was updated on the following projects: Fire Fox tree protection; 127 Stevers Mill; Sprint Store / Kin Properties tree damage; BJ's tree protection fencing; Maple Brook Estates; Chick-Fil-A; Marks Jewelers review; Pour Hose patio expansion review; Narayan Guest House; Delciotto / 1701 N. Line Street; Indian Lake Farms landscape status inspection; Burger King; Maple Drive & Crystal Rd townhouses tree protection; and the Goodwin Tract.

Shade Tree Projects – Three projects were discussed for this fall; the maintenance of the stamped concrete at Memorial Grove, the sugar maple tree replacements, and the replacement of trees at the Township building along Horsham Road.

Old Business:

Meadow Seeding – The seed was delivered and will be spread when the weather permits it.

Forestry Management Plan Phase II & III - The Commission members received a copy of the plan and will invite Mr. Eshelman to the next meeting to discuss the plan and address any questions they may have.

Korean War Memorial Update – Currently in the fundraising stage. They are looking to start the project in 2017. Other items that need to be finalized include the lighting and lease & maintenance agreements.

New Business:

2016 Budget / Projects – The preliminary budget will be prepared for the September meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on September 16th, 2015 at the Montgomery Township Building.