



## MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION

1001 STUMP ROAD  
MONTGOMERYVILLE, PA 18936-9605  
Telephone: 215-393-6920 · Fax: 215-855-1498  
[www.montgomerytp.org](http://www.montgomerytp.org)

### MEETING MINUTES January 20, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at 7:30 PM, Wednesday, January 20, 2016, in the Montgomery Township Building on Stump Road. The members of the Shade Tree Commission in attendance included: Roy Rodriguez, Rich Roller, Jay Glickman and Mary Brock. Also present: Marianne McConnell, Deputy Zoning Officer; Greg Reiff, Parks Foreman; and Judy Stern-Goldstein, Boucher & James.

**Reorganization / Officer Election:** The members unanimously elected Roy Rodriguez as Chairman of the Commission (21<sup>st</sup> year!) and Rich Roller as Vice-Chairman for 2016.

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

**Public Comment:** none

**Correspondence:** none

**Update on Projects:** Updates were provided for the following projects:

Land Development – Montgomery Elementary School plan review; Indian Lake Farms end of maintenance period, an updated landscape plan will be requested; Community & Recreation Center start of maintenance; and the Narayan Guest House tree protection fencing.

Shade Tree Projects – The Sugar Maple Tree Replacement project; the dead/dying trees have been removed and the new trees installed. A letter dated November 30, 2015 was forwarded to Rhoads Nursery in regards to (14) of the trees not being acceptable and therefore, cannot start the maintenance period. Township staff spoke with Dave Rhoads Sr. on December 16, 2015 to confirm receipt of the letter. Dave Rhoads agreed to replace the unacceptable trees in the Spring. He did a site visit and spoke with Valerie regarding the replacements.

### Old Business:

Memorial Grove Plantings and Benches – Roy will look into an epoxy coating to repair / reapply to the benches as there are cracks in the existing coating. The viburnum around the benches have overgrown and will be removed by Public Works and transplanted to along the tree line surrounding the memorial area. The Commission reviewed the original landscape plan and selected 27 viburnum to be removed and transplanted. The first grouping of viburnum before the benches will remain in place. All of the shrubs around the sundial will be removed.

Boucher & James originally recommended to replace them with dwarf fothergilla back in March of 2015 (per memo). The Commission agreed this would be a suitable replacement. It is estimated to cost between \$50 and \$60 per 5gallon size shrub installed totaling approximately \$1500. Dave Rhoads of Rhoads Garden will be contacted to install as they are scheduled to be at that site replacing Sugar Maple trees.

SALDO Amendments - The Commission reviewed the changes to the draft amendments requested from the December 2015 meeting. Amendments were also added to Chapter 189 for residential street tree replacements as SALDO covers land development requirements.

**New Business:**

Volunteer Brunch – The brunch is scheduled for Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at Pine Crest Country Club.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on February 19, 2016 at the Montgomery Township Building.