



**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP
SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

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**MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at 7:30 PM, Wednesday, March 16, 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; Michael Fox, Board Liaison; Judy Stern-Goldstein, Boucher & James; and John Antonucci.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion made by Mary Brock and seconded by Jay Glickman, the minutes from the February 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

Public Comment:

John Antonucci raised concerns in regards to the overcrowding and lack of pruning of the trees along the perimeter of the Knapp Farm development. The Commission would like to conduct an educational pruning class for the residents within this neighborhood. A volunteer lot would be necessary to conduct the training class / demonstration. A certified arborist would be contacted to conduct the training and be available to answer questions... Pete Corbo was suggested as a potential candidate. A letter will be drafted to send out to these residents in regards to the training class and possible group discount if certified arborist hired to perform the pruning.

Correspondence: none

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

Land Development – The Commission was updated on the following projects: Kidaldas Court; Marks Jewelers at 975 Bethlehem Pike; the Goodwin Tract; Townhouses at Maple Drive; BJ's Fuel Station; and the 202 Fairview Associates BP Zoning amendments review.

Shade Tree Projects – no update at this time.

Old Business:

Memorial Grove Plantings and Benches – The bid packet was reviewed by the Commission for the installation of (17) Dwarf Fothergilla at the Memorial Grove site surrounding the Sundial.

Arbor Day 2016 – The event will be held on April 23, 2016 at the Community and Recreation Center beginning at 9am with the reading of the Arbor Day Proclamation and presentation of the Tree City Certification.

New Business: Upcoming Events:

Copper Beech for Community & Recreation Center – The Commission discussed installing a Copper Beech at the new Community Center. The site's landscaping is still under warranty / maintenance period, therefore, the project was tabled to the Fall.

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 April 20, 2016 at the Montgomery Township Building.