



**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP
SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

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MEETING MINUTES
November 16, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at 7:30 PM, Wednesday, November 16, 2016, in the Montgomery Township Building on Stump Road. The members of the Shade Tree Commission in attendance included: Roy Rodriguez, Jay Glickman, and Rich Roller. Also present: Marianne McConnell, Deputy Zoning Officer; Greg Reiff, Parks Foreman; and Judy Stern-Goldstein, Boucher & James.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion made by Rich Roller and seconded by Jay Glickman, the minutes from the October 2016 meeting were approved as amended.

Public Comment: none

Correspondence: none

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

Land Development – The Commission was updated on the following projects: 127 Stevers Mill Rd End of Maintenance; Chick-Fil-A End of Maintenance Inspection; Marks Jewelers Escrow Release; Narayan Guest House Start of Maintenance Inspection; BJ's Fueling Station Start of Maintenance; Montgomery Chase End of Maintenance; and Narayan Guest House Landscape Inspection.

Shade Tree Projects – no update at this time.

Old Business:

Knapp Farm Tree Clinic – The tree clinic was held on Saturday, October 22nd for the residents in Knapp Farm in regards to tree care, pruning, and maintenance. The weather did not cooperate and therefore, there was low attendance. The homeowners at 210 Avondale Drive were very pleased with the demonstration and work performed by Peter Corbo Landscaping. The second volunteer property, 212 Avondale Drive, will be scheduled separately by Peter Corbo to complete the demonstration on their property at a later date as they ran out of time and bad weather.

Basin Assessments and Re-assessments completed – Assessments were completed in October and reviewed by the Commission on the following basins: #3 Pauline Circle; #12 Heather Knoll; #20 The Ridings; #46 Mallard Pond; #47 Montgomery Lea; and #63 Bedford Lane. Re-Assessments of basins already in the program were completed in October and reviewed by the Commission for the following basins: #13 Thornbury; #35 Knapp Farm; #36 Knapp Farm; #39 Canterbury; #40 Spring Valley Park; and #41 Spring Valley Park. The re-

assessments showed less buildup / blockages in the “naturalized” basins. Less debris was observed. Cattails are very good filters in stopping debris getting into the structures.

New Business:

Arbor Day 2017 – The event is scheduled to be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017. The EAC will hold their recycling event on the same day at the Township Building. Arbor Day will be held again at the Community Center.

2018 Educational Seminar – The Commission would like to plan and host an educational seminar for local municipalities. Bartlett Tree Service has offered their assistance. The event will be held in January or February of 2018. Promoting the event should begin in the Fall of 2017. The following topics are being considered: Tree Risk Assessment; Compliance with Municipal / Shade Tree Ordinances; and Pesticides. Bartlett Tree Service will conduct a session as well. Penn State Extension will be contacted for assistance and for information regarding credits.

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 January 18, 2017 at the Montgomery Township Building.