

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES March 15, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at 7:30 PM, Wednesday, March 15, 2017, in the Montgomery Township Building on Stump Road. The members of the Shade Tree Commission in attendance included: Roy Rodriguez, Rich Roller, Mary Brock, and Jay Glickman. Also present: Bruce Shoupe, Director of Planning & Zoning; Marianne McConnell, Deputy Zoning Officer; Greg Reiff, Parks Foreman; and Valerie Liggett, Boucher & James.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion made by Mary Brock and seconded by Rich Roller, the minutes from the February 2017 meeting were approved as submitted.

Public Comment: none

Correspondence:

<u>307 Pioneer Drive</u> – The homeowner contacted the Township in regards to their Legacy Tree on their property. The homeowner expressed concerns regarding the health of the White Ash tree and if the Township had funds available for Legacy Trees or if there were any grant opportunities available.

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

<u>Land Development</u> – The Commission was updated on the following projects: 1390 Welsh Road / Nappen Associates Escrow Release inspection; Gwynedd Crossing / AMC 309 Cinema plan review, and the Christian Brothers plan review. The status charts were reviewed by the Commission as well. The Commission suggested looking at the fee schedule to update the tree replacement cost within the Land Development process.

<u>Shade Tree Projects</u> – Basin letters were mailed to homeowners adjacent to the basins that were just entered into the Basin Naturalization Program. 18-20 basin signs need to be ordered for those basins, future basins, and some replacements.

Old Business:

<u>2017 Community Tree Workshop</u> – Mary Brock provided the draft agenda for the workshop. The speakers will submit summaries and bios for accreditation (PA Pesticide and ISA). The final agenda, flyer, mailing list, and updated budget will be provided for the April meeting.

New Business:

<u>Forestry Management</u> – A meeting will be scheduled with Curt Eshleman of Timberlink Consulting in order to devise a plan and complete an assessment of Township properties in regards to Ash trees and the possible harvesting of lands.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on April 19, 2017 at the Montgomery Township Building.