



**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP
SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

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MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at 7:30 PM, Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 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: Bruce Shoupe, Director of Planning & Zoning; Marianne McConnell, Deputy Zoning Officer; Valerie Liggett, Boucher & James; Greg Reiff, Parks Foreman; Stephen Hilbert, Bartlett Tree Experst; John Antonucci; and Michael J. Fox, Board Liaison.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

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

Public Comment: none

Correspondence: A complaint was received via email in regards to the naturalizing of Basin #25 (located at the corner of Summer Ridge Drive and Upper State Road) and a bench discarded within the basin. The bench was removed immediately from the basin by the Public Works department. A site visit was conducted by the Township landscape consultant and the basin is progressing as it should. No standing water was observed and a very wet summer did attract more bugs this season. Montgomery Township has been committed to the naturalization program and will continue to have this basin naturalize and track its progress. Currently the perimeter and two passes within the fenced in area are mowed and that will continue. The basins throughout the Township are inspected semi-annually.

Update on Projects / Boucher & James: The Commission was updated on the following projects:

- Montgomeryville Nissan Opinion & Probable Cost and Final Plan Review
- Montgomery Retirement Residence Opinion & Probable Cost and Plan Review
- Montgomery Knoll Phase 1A & 1B Start of Maintenance Inspection
- Montgomery Preserve Phases 1 and 2
- Indian Lake Farms – will install trees required on Township property rather than fee in lieu (Zehr Tract parking lot)
- Reviewed Status Charts

Old Business:

2017 Fall Project / Community Tree Workshop – The registrations for this workshop have been less than anticipated. The Commission discussed the numbers and decided to move forward with the event. Currently we have approximately twenty attendees. The 20% discount will be extended until October 19th. We will continue with a final advertising push including the MCATO meeting (Oct 6th), follow up with school districts, include golf courses, lawn care companies and Bucks County Municipalities.

Ash Tree Removal Project – The project is for the removal of approximately 200 trees in Spring Valley Park. Curt Eshleman and Greg Reiff marked the selected trees for removal. The proposed project will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval to obtain bids. A pre-bid meeting has been tentatively scheduled for October 19th with bids due by October 23rd.

2018 Proposed Budget – The Commission members reviewed proposed the budget and added a project for the removal / replacement of ash trees within the Rose Twig Parking lot. These were planted by the Commission about 15-20 years ago. Public Works would remove the trees and the Commission propose to install new trees as a 2018 project.

New Business:

Basin Naturalization / New and Reinspections – A motion was made to request the Board of Supervisors to approve the assessments for the final seven basins to be entered into the program (Basins 26,31,58,61,64,65,66) and for the re-assessment of six basins entered into the program in 2012. (Basins 7,14,21,29,30,33)

AutumnFest – Information for the Spotted Lantern Fly and EAB will be available at AutumnFest.

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 October 18, 2017 at the Montgomery Township Building.