

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes October 21, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at 7:30 pm, Wednesday, October 21, 2020, in the Montgomery Township Building. The members of the Shade Tree Commission in attendance included: Roy Rodriguez, Jay Glickman, Rich Roller, Brad Walters, and Michelle Evans. Also present: Bruce Shoupe, Director of Planning & Zoning; Marianne McConnell, Deputy Zoning Officer; Judy Stern-Goldstein, Gilmore Associates; Greg Reiff, Parks Foreman; and Beth Staab, Board Liaison.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Minutes: On a motion made by Rich and seconded by Jay, the February 2020 minutes were approved as submitted.

Public Comment: none

Correspondence: none

Update on Projects / Gilmore Associates:

Judy reviewed the status charts with the Commission in regards to Land Development projects, Tree Replacements, and Shade Tree projects. The 2020 Basin Re-inspections are currently underway.

Old Business:

<u>Community Forestry Workshop</u> – Due to Covid-19 the workshop has been rescheduled to November 6, 2021. All of the speakers have been notified. The agenda for the 2020 event was finalized and hopefully can be utilized for the 2021 event. Several speakers have confirmed their availability for the 2021 date already, Gilbert High, Emelie Swackhammer, and the Department of Agriculture. We still need to confirm the Bartlett Tree Experts speakers and topics for 2021.

New Business:

<u>Ash Trees Removed List – Street Trees & Basins (Township Property)</u> – Tree replacements were discussed for those that were removed. The following locations were discussed for replacement in 2021:

- Basin # 25 Summer Ridge 11 trees
- Basin # 24 County Line and Upper State Rd. 3 trees
- Basin # 62 Magdalena 4 trees
- North Wales open space 2 trees
- Tree Line Drive open space 3 trees
- Westminster Drive open space 4 trees

2021 Proposed Budget - The following items were discussed for the 2021 proposed budget:

- Copper Beech at Community & Recreation Center A quote will be requested from Montgomery Gardening in Chalfont for the 6-8" Copper Beech and hand dug installation.
- Okame Cherry Trees installation / Doylestown Road (spring)
- Ash Tree Replacements Township properties (basins and street trees)

<u>Korean War Memorial Update</u> – The statues were installed last week. Roy asked if the meadow within the park can be mowed once the ground freezes.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on November 18, 2020 at the Montgomery Township Building.