

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES March 17th, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at 7:30 PM, Wednesday March 17th, 2010, 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 Lisa Ford. Also present: Bruce Shoupe, Director of Planning & Zoning; Judy Stern-Goldstein, Boucher & James; Amy Saylor, Project Coordinator: Ray Barndt, Parks Foreman; and Michael Fox, Board Liaison, and John Antonucci.

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

Public Comment: none

Correspondence: none

Update on Projects – Boucher & James:

<u>Land Development</u> – Boucher & James is currently reviewing plans for Montgomery Knoll and Montgomery Chase.

Old Business:

<u>Arbor Day-</u> The Commission was given updates on the trees ordered for the Arbor Day give away and the current plans for EAC's involvement in Arbor Day.

<u>Usher Lane-</u> Plans for Usher Lane improvements and proposed trail head were presented and approved by the Park Board.

<u>Basins-</u> Mike Fox has been in touch with Frank Bartle in regards to requirements for fences surrounding detention basins, Mr. Bartle has not been able to get an answer from DIVIT. Judy Stern-Goldstein will observe and document the changes happening at the six basins being allowed to go natural. Other potential basis were proposed to be added to this list. Bruce Shoupe will contact the mall about the basin at the North Wales entrance to see if they have an interest in allowing the basin to go natural. A dozen 18X24 inch signs bearing the Montgomery Township logo will be ordered to be posed at each basin that is being allowed to go natural.

New Business:

<u>Benefactor</u> - Evergreen Management Services approached Mary Brock on behalf of a company that currently wishes to remain anonymous, who would like to collaborate on a Shade Tree Commission project that would support the ecosystem along the Little Neshaminy Creek Watershed. Collaborating was identified as both monetarily and providing company volunteers of the benefactor to assist with different phases of the project. The Usher Lane project was proposed as a project to discuss. An overview of the plans will be put together and presented to Evergreen Management Services for consideration.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM. The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on April 21st 2010 in the gazebo at the Montgomery Township Building.