



MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES

April 21st, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at 7:30 PM, Wednesday April 21st, 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; Michael Fox, Board Liaison, and John Antonucci.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion made by Rich Roller, and seconded by Roy Rodriguez the minutes from the March meeting were approved as submitted.

Public Comment: none

Correspondence: none

Update on Projects – Boucher & James:

Land Development – The committee was given updates on Land Development projects for Montgomery Preserve, Montgomery Knoll, Montgomery Chase, W.B. Commons, Zehr Tract, and the Phase I Landscape plan for the Stump Road Fire House.

Old Business:

Arbor Day- The committee was given updates on the trees ordered for the Arbor Day tree give away and the current plans for EAC's involvement in Arbor Day.

Usher Lane- Additional discussion occurred about the Usher Lane trail head. A path will need to be cleared for the trail connecting Usher Lane with Memorial Grove. A wood chipped path will temporarily be laid down during this process. Concerns were voiced about the potential tree damage that may occur by digging a one inch deep trench for the trail to be placed on. Mr. Fox was requested to inform the Board of Supervisors that the Shade Tree Commission would like to complete the trail head as a summer project and the plantings around Usher Lane as a fall project.

TEVA- Mary Brock gave a review of her meeting with TEVA to the Shade Tree Commission. Judy Stern-Goldstein will put together an ordered list of events of small projects that need to be done at Usher Lane and Memorial Grove to be presented to TEVA as possible project ideas for them.

Basins- The committee observed the natural progress of naturalization that has occurred in the basin on the Police Department side of the Township Building and discusses how they would like to proceed with the other basins that will be allowed to go natural. A representative from DIVIT will take a tour of 12 basins (the approved 6 and an additional proposed 6) to determine if there is a fence requirement for the basins. The representative will be joined by Judy Stern-Goldstein and Bruce Shoupe. The Committee recommended removing the split rail fence that surrounds the basin at Knapp Farm.

New Business:

Parking Lot Trees- It was observed that several of the Hornbeam's planted around the parking lot of the Township Building are either dead or dying.

Legacy Trees- Discussion on Legacy Trees was moved to May's meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM. The next meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on May 19th 2010 at the Montgomery Township Building.