



MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES

October 20, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at 7:30 pm., Wednesday October 20, 2010, in the Montgomery Township Building on Stump Road. The members of the Shade Tree Commission in attendance included: Roy Rodriguez, Rich Roller, Lisa Ford, and Mary Brock. Also present: Bruce Shoupe, Director of Planning & Zoning; Judy Stern-Goldstein, Boucher & James; Ray Barndt, Parks Foreman; Michael Fox, Board Liaison; and John Antonucci.

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

Public Comment: none

Correspondence: none

Presentation – Natural Land Trust – Drew Gilchrist, Director:

Mr. Gilchrist provided background information into the history of the Natural Land Trust. It is the region's largest conservation organization, saving thousands of acres of forests, fields, wetlands, and streams each year. Currently, the NLT has 40 preserves and ownership and management of 22,000 acres of land including 1,000 acres in Montgomery County. Mr. Gilchrist made recommendations as to creating a meadow at the Memorial Grove site. It can take up to two years to mature with wildflowers possibly appearing in the 3rd year.

Update on Projects – Boucher & James:

Land Development – An update was provided for the current projects within the Township.

Shade Tree Projects – The Fall projects are moving forward, however, several substitution requests have been made for the Usher Lane and Memorial Grove sites due to lack of inventory in the nurseries and the lateness of Land-Tech requesting the material for installation. The installation is scheduled to begin the week of October 25th. The locations of the trees for Spring Valley Park will be staked by Ray Barndt. Discussion was held in regards to protecting the newly installed trees and shrubs at Usher Lane from deer. Orange construction fencing and deer guards were recommended for protection.

Old Business:

Memorial Grove & Doylestown Road Project – The project was awarded to Land-Tech Enterprises in the amount of \$4,485. Land-Tech is scheduled to install the trees beginning the week of October 25th. The Township has removed the dead / dying trees along Doylestown Road for replacement. Roy will verify the locations for the new Okame Cherry trees.

New Business:

2011 Projects -

Arbor Day 2011 – Currently the date is scheduled for April 23rd. (Saturday after the fourth Friday in April). This is Easter weekend. The Commission will discuss keeping or rescheduling the date during their regular meeting in January.

ISA Membership Renewal for 2011 – The Commission approved the renewal of their membership for 2011.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on November 17, 2010 at the Montgomery Township Building.