



## MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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### MEETING MINUTES

August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at 7:30 PM, Wednesday, August 17th, 2011, 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 and Zoning, Marianne McConnell; Deputy Zoning Officer; Judy Stern-Goldstein, Boucher & James; Amy Saylor, Project Coordinator; and Ray Barndt, Parks Foreman, and Michael Fox, Board Liaison.

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

**Public Comment:** none

**Correspondence:** The Township was contacted by Lomax Carpet located on Bethlehem Pike. Trees on the North West side of the property have grown to cover signage. Lomax Carpet is requesting to trim or replace trees.

#### **Update on Projects – Boucher & James:**

Land Development – The Commission was provided updates on Bridle Path Manor, General Hancock Townhomes, Montgomery Square United Methodist Church, and Montgomery Walk.

#### **Old Business:**

Memorial Grove Meadow- The Memorial Grove Meadow is being dominated by Yellow Nut Sedge that was not part of the planting mix. The meadow has been mowed in order to prevent the Yellow Nut Sedge from going to seed. The Shade Tree Commission would like to discuss the plan for the possible removal of the Yellow Nut Sedge with the National Lands Trust. A representative of the National Lands Trust will be invited to the next Shade Tree Meeting.

Usher Lane- A majority of the plant material at the Usher Lane Trailhead is dead and will need to be replanted and guaranteed again at the end of the 18 month maintenance period.

Basins- Additional signs are required to be ordered for posting around basins that are being allowed to go natural. Ray Barndt will get a quote for the production of 12 signs.

Fall Planting Project- The Fall Planting project will consist of the removal of additional trees from the Township Building parking lot and the replacement of these and previously removed Zelkovas. Judy Stern-Goldstein will provide a planting plan.

**New Business:**

2012 Preliminary Budget- The Shade Tree Commission discussed the 2012 preliminary budget. Due to the lack of incoming funds, it was decided that the Spring 2012 project will be dropped and the Arbor Day tree order will decrease. The Heritage Tree program will be added to the 2012 budget. Bruce Shoupe will update the 2012 budget and send it to the Shade Tree Commission.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM. The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 at the Montgomery Township Building.