



MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES March 18, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at 7:30 PM, Wednesday, March 18, 2015, in the Montgomery Township Building on Stump Road. The members of the Shade Tree Commission in attendance included: Roy Rodriguez, Rich Roller, and Mary Brock. Also present: Marianne McConnell, Deputy Zoning Officer; Judy Stern-Goldstein, Boucher & James; Greg Reiff, Parks Foreman; and Michael Fox, Board Liaison.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion made by Rich Roller and seconded by Mary Brock, the minutes from the February 18, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

Public Comment:

A request was made by a township resident, Karen Martinkovic, to have the minutes of past meetings posted on the township web site.

A resident of Winners Circle, Karen Martinkovic, discussed with the Commission concerns in regards to the lack of replacement of buffer and street trees within her development and the replacement of trees lost to the imprellis damage. The association replaced the lost trees with shrubs, not trees as anticipated and expected.

Correspondence: Information on the Emerald Ash Borer and Spotted Lantern Fly was distributed to the members of the Commission. A press release was also provided in regards to Montgomery Township receiving the Growing Greener Communities Award.

Update on Projects:

Land Development – The Commission was updated on the following projects: Burger King Waiver of Land Development request and reviewed the quarterly status charts.

Shade Tree Projects – No update at this time.

Old Business:

Meadow Seeding – The Commission reviewed the information provided by Boucher & James in regards to seed mix and bare spots. The Public Works department will utilize the new slit seeder obtained.

Legacy Tree Plaque Info – The Commission reviewed the renderings for the 12"x8"x2" black granite pavers engraved with the tree information. The Commission discussed ordering the pavers for the private properties and then looking into alternatives for the legacy tree markers/plaques on Township lands (possibly 8"x3" bronze plaques installed into boulders).

Invasive Quotes for Windlestrae Park (Sections MU1 and MU2 of the Forestry Mgmt Plan) - The Commission discussed the quotes received from Eastern Forest Consultants and Land & Forest Conservation Co. for the treatment of invasives within Windlestrae Park. On a motion made by Roy and seconded by Rich, the Shade Tree Commission recommends to accept the quote from Eastern Forest Consultants not to exceed \$11,550 and forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Eastern Forest Consultants was selected based on the Commission's desire to primarily utilize the backpack spraying method over the machine/atv spraying method. The Commission also discussed the importance of educating the residents regarding the invasive treatments through the township newsletter, notification to surrounding residents, signage and the web site. DVIT will be contacted regarding any proposed education materials.

Arbor Day – Arbor Day will be held on Saturday, April 25th from 9am-noon. Set up will begin at 8am.

STC Shirt Order – The Commission will order cobalt blue short sleeve polo shirts for the members and staff.

New Business:

Memorial Grove – The viburnum shrubs around the benches at the sundial have overgrown and are high maintenance. They are 5 – 6 feet in height and diameter. The Commission discussed the possibility of relocating them to a different location on the site and installing smaller plantings to replace them.

Korean War Memorial – A brief discussion was held regarding the 21st Century American-Korean-China Leaders Society desire to construct a national monument at the Memorial Grove site on the Horvath tract.

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 April 15, 2015 at the Montgomery Township Building.