



**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP
SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

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MEETING MINUTES
June 17, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at 7:30 PM, Wednesday, June 17, 2015, in the Montgomery Township Building on Stump Road. The members of the Shade Tree Commission in attendance included: Roy Rodriguez, Mary Brock, and Rich Roller. Also present: Michael Fox, Board Liaison; Marianne McConnell, Deputy Zoning Officer; Judy Stern-Goldstein, Boucher & James; and Greg Reiff, Parks Foreman.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion made by Rich Roller and seconded by Mary Brock, the minutes from the May 20, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

Public Comment: none

Correspondence: none

Korean War Memorial Presentation: A presentation was made to the Shade Tree Commission in regards to a proposed memorial to be located at the Memorial Grove site on the Horvath Tract. Those presenting the design included Mr. Joseph A. Lavalley of Caskin Spinelli & Ferretti, LLC; Mr. Franklin K. Lee, President of the 21st Century American Korean Chinese Leaders Society; and Mr. Bong Pil Yang of Yang's Martial Arts School, Inc. A plan proposing a 26 ft x 28 ft decorative paver area with benches at the corners and a 12 foot tall monument in the center was provided and reviewed. The following items were discussed; solar lighting, decorative inlays flush with the patio area, use of quartz or flagstone rather than pavers to keep in line with the elegance of the granite monument, maintenance of the landscaping, hardscaping, and monument. The representatives stated that all funds would be raised prior to the start of any construction and possibly begin in the Spring of 2016. The memorial would be stand alone and not tie in to the future trail. The Commission recommended that DVIT review the material choices for any possible liability issues (slip & fall).

Update on Projects:

Land Development – The Commission was updated on the following projects: Community Center landscape installation in regards to broken branches, pruning, dying due to lack of watering on site (Grand Opening scheduled for end of August); Pour House land development waiver request; Kin Properties/Sprint Store disturbance letter.

Old Business:

Meadow Seeding – The seed was ordered and shipped, awaiting delivery.

Invasives Treatment Education and Public Notification Discussion – DVIT has requested a plan. It was discussed having Boucher & James put one together for the program.

New Business:

Forestry Management Plan Questionnaire – Phase II and III – The questionnaire was reviewed and completed to forward on to Curt Eshleman of Timberlink Consulting, LLC.

Sugar Maple Grove - The Commission requested that the dead trees including the root balls be removed. Funds were recovered from the contractor in order to replant.

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 August 19th, 2015 at the Montgomery Township Building.