

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES May 17, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at 7:30 PM, Wednesday, May 17, 2017, in the Montgomery Township Building on Stump Road. The members of the Shade Tree Commission in attendance included: Rich Roller, and Jay Glickman. Also present: Bruce Shoupe, Director of Planning & Zoning; Marianne McConnell, Deputy Zoning Officer; Greg Reiff, Parks Foreman; and Judy Stern-Goldstein, Boucher & James.

Approval of Minutes: The approval of the minutes from the April meeting were deferred to next month.

Public Comment: none

Correspondence:

<u>Residential Street Tree Replacement</u> – A resident contacted the Township in regards to acceptable street trees for replacements. The Commission discussed updated the approved street tree list in accordance with the amended ordinance. Boucher & James will update the list.

Update on Projects: Updates were provided for the following projects:

<u>Land Development</u> – The Commission was updated on the following projects: Parkview at Montgomery Phase I Probable Cost; Montgomery Retirement Residence Plan Review; 115 Wentworth Drive Plan Review; 127 Stevers Mill Road End of Maintenance Inspection; and the Community Center End of Maintenance Inspection.

Shade Tree Projects - no update.

Old Business:

<u>2017 Community Tree Workshop</u> – The proposed registration form was presented to the Commission and the \$95.00 fee for the all day seminar was approved.

<u>2017 Spring Project / Memorial Grove Sundial Area</u> – The Commission chose the Grey ½ inch aggregate stone with the Dark Grey concrete color for the project. Roy Rodriguez was at the site earlier in the day and also chose the colors selected. The warranty information was provided by the contractor (one year warranty on workmanship and materials). The Commission prefers the colored concrete to be mixed rather than stained to ensure the color to be throughout the concrete.

<u>Arbor Day 2017</u> – Arbor Day was attended by many residents this year, however, we have 50 oak trees remaining. We may reach out to some groups who may be interested in planting projects.

New Business:

<u>Forestry Management / Ash Tree Removal</u> – 198 trees were marked for removal in the upper and lower sections of Spring Valley Park. The project will go out for formal bid. The documents need to be prepared by the Township Solicitor and dates will be set thereafter. Additional areas in the township will be identified for tree removal.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on June 21st, 2017 at the Montgomery Township Building.