



**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP
SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

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**Shade Tree Commission Meeting
November 14, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at 7:30 PM, Wednesday, November 14, 2018, in the Montgomery Township Building on Stump Road. The members of the Shade Tree Commission in attendance included: Rich Roller and Mary Brock. Also present: Bruce Shoupe, Director of Planning & Zoning; Marianne McConnell, Deputy Zoning Officer; Judy Stern-Goldstein, Boucher & James; Greg Reiff, Parks Foreman; and John Antonucci.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm

Minutes: October minutes approval tabled to next meeting as no quorum is met.

Public Comment: none

Correspondence: none

Update on Projects / Boucher & James:

Land Development – The Commission was updated on the following projects: McCallum Minor Subdivision Plan Review – Richardson Road – Montgomery Glen Drive; Montgomery Retirement Residence Tree Replacement Inspection; FedEx Ground Final Plan Review – 1350 Welsh Road; Police and Fire Federal Credit Union Plan Review – Bethlehem Pike.

Old Business:

2018 Community Forestry Workshop recap – The event was held on Friday, November 2, 2018. We had 41 attendees, a 35% increase over last year's number (27). The overall reviews were positive. Some topic suggestions for next year include: basin naturalization (create no mow areas); additional information on tree risk and pesticides; pruning & planting demo of shrubs/evergreens; insects & fungus; roadside & right of way management; Tree City USA Certification process; Tree ID and tree cultivars for this area; Conservation; proper pruning techniques; long term climate trends and severe weather creating hazard trees; and street tree plant wells & sidewalks.

Next year's event – possibly adding another group to host with? Mary will talk to Stephen Hilbert of Bartlett as he mentioned it previously. Contact Township EAC to coordinate with them as well.

Ash Tree Removal / Cutting Project Phase IV – The Commission reviewed the bid results for this phase of the project. The bid submittals will be reviewed by staff for completion and then forwarded to the BOS for approval.

Ash Tree Removal / Cutting Project Phase V-A – Due to the wind storm that came through an area of the Township last week this area was originally listed as Phase VI and has been moved up to Phase V-A. Montgomery Crossing, Montgomery Oaks, and the Orchards Open Space Areas. This will be a fell only project due to the riparian corridor and limited access.

2018 Fall Planting Project – The project has been installed in the past week. An inspection will be completed by Boucher & James.

2018 Tree City Certification and Growth Award – The Commission reviewed the application process and Growth Award categories that the Township may be eligible for. The application deadline is December 31, 2018.

New Business:

End of Maintenance Land Development projects – Follow up inspections are due. No contact has been made by the developer to schedule inspections. Boucher & James will revisit these sites. Bruce will verify escrow funds are available to cover these inspections.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm. The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on January 16, 2019 at the Montgomery Township Building.