



## MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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### Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes November 20, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at 7:30 PM, Wednesday, November 20, 2019, in the Montgomery Township Building on Stump Road. The members of the Shade Tree Commission in attendance included: Roy Rodriguez, Jay Glickman, Rich Roller, Mary Brock, and Brad Walters. Also present: Marianne McConnell, Deputy Zoning Officer; Valerie Liggett, Boucher & James; Greg Reiff, Parks Foreman; and Michael Fox, Board Liaison.

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

**Minutes:** On a motion made by Jay and seconded by Rich, the October 2019 minutes were approved as submitted.

**Public Comment:** none

**Correspondence:** none

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

Land Development – The Commission was updated on the following projects: Christian Brothers Start of Maintenance inspection; Montgomery Realty Associates Final plan review and waiver requests; Fire Fox preliminary landscape inspection; Montgomery Walk / Cutler Restoration landscape status inspection Phase IIB; Water Tower Square Redevelopment start of maintenance inspection; and Pro Real Ventures Car Wash Waiver Request letter and final plan review.

Shade Tree Projects – no update

#### **Old Business:**

##### **Ash Tree Forestry Management Project Update:**

Ash Tree Forestry Management Project Phases I - VII – Completed.

Phase VIII– Currently in progress.

2019 Community Forestry Workshop – The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual workshop was held on November 1, 2019 with 45 attendees registered. Thank you cards will be forwarded to the speakers. Mary has agreed to assist the designated Shade Tree Committee member next year's event including the planning, agenda, speakers, and obtaining credit approvals. We will reach out to Bartlett to see if they are

interested in co-hosting the event next year was well. It was suggested to contact the PennDel Chapter of ISA to distribute information and material for next year's event to try to get the word out more and increase attendance.

*Korean War Memorial Update* – The hardscaping is scheduled to break ground the second week in December. The landscaping may have to be installed in the Spring due to timing and weather.

New Business:

*Memorial Grove parking lot trees* – The stakes need to be removed from the trees installed.

*Green Region Peco Bonus Grant* – There is an opportunity to apply for a grant up to \$10,000 for the installation of trees. Friendship Park was suggested as a good site. An application will be submitted to plant trees in order to create shaded areas around the handicap accessible tot lot.

*139 Winter Drive* – Greg Reiff has requested funds from the Commission in order to have an evaluation completed of a large white oak tree behind the home at 139 Winter Drive. This large white oak tree is on Township property. Greg requested a thorough extensive evaluation be completed by a Certified Arborist to determine the health and status of the tree for possible pruning or removal. On a motion made by Roy and seconded by Rich, the Commission authorized funds not to exceed \$2500 for the evaluation of the tree.

Thank you Mary Brock and Mike Fox for your years of service and dedication to the Township and specifically your work on the Shade Tree Commission. You will be missed.

**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 January 15, 2020 at the Montgomery Township Building.