



**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP
SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

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**Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at 7:30 pm, Wednesday, January 15, 2020, in the Montgomery Township Building on Stump Road. The members of the Shade Tree Commission in attendance included: Roy Rodriguez, Jay Glickman, Rich Roller, and Brad Walters. Also present: Marianne McConnell, Deputy Zoning Officer; Valerie Liggett, Boucher & James; Greg Reiff, Parks Foreman; and Beth Staab, Board Liaison.

Reorganization:

Chairman: The members unanimously elected Roy Rodriguez as Chairman of the Commission (25th year) on a motion made by Jay Glickman and seconded by Brad Walters. The members unanimously elected Rich Roller as Vice-Chairman on a motion made by Jay Glickman and seconded by Brad Walters.

Regular Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm.

Minutes: On a motion made by Jay and seconded by Rich, the November 2019 minutes were approved as amended.

Public Comment: none

Correspondence: none

Update on Projects / Boucher & James:

Land Development – The Commission was updated on the following projects: FedEx Ground Start of Maintenance Inspection; Higher Rock Escrow Release Inspection; Parkview Escrow Release Inspection; and the Redners Conditional Use Review.

Shade Tree Projects – no update

Old Business:

Ash Tree Forestry Management Project Update - Phases I – VIII Completed.

139 Winter Drive – Oak Tree Evaluation - The evaluation was reviewed and discussed by the Commission. The Commission discussed whether it is worth pruning and the recommended root invigoration (due to impaction of the root system) or should it be taken down and a new

tree planted? What is the best investment? The Commission believes it is best to take down the old tree due to potential future failure and plant additional replacement trees in the area. On a motion made by Jay and seconded by Rich, the members unanimously approved to take down the tree due to future potential damage and plant replacement trees in future.

Korean War Memorial – The project broke ground in December 2019. Three 3 flagpoles are proposed with solar power lights, however, the committee may decide to bring electric in instead. Peco would need to be contacted in order to tap in at the intersection (Horsham Rd or Kenas Rd). Would it be metered or unmetered? The STC recommended installing the conduit in both directions now before the concrete is poured for either scenario to avoid having to cut into it or take it back out later. Check agreement between Township and Korean American Association in regards to any electric fees and costs. The landscaping is scheduled for Spring 2020. Also, a request was made to expand the parking lot area (gravel / stone) due to the addition of a second memorial to the site. Staff will look into the options.

New Business:

2020 Spring Planting Projects:

Okame Cherry Trees – Doylestown Road – Need permission from the owners of the Klein and Cooper properties for permission to plant trees along Doylestown Road within the public right of way.

Copper Beech at CRC – tabled to February agenda.

2020 Arbor Day – Saturday, April 25th.

2020 Community Forestry Workshop – Potential dates of November 5th or 6th, 2020 were discussed. Suggested topics from attendees for the next workshop included: Use of Drones (tree assessments), Tree Risk Assessment hands on Demonstration, Rain Garden Maintenance, Forestry Management Plans (Curt Eshleman as possible speaker?) Contact Herb Hickmott as potential speaker.

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 February 19, 2020 at the Montgomery Township Building.