



MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes February 19, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at 7:30 pm, Wednesday, February 19, 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, Brad Walters, and Michelle Evans. Also present: Bruce Shoupe, Director of Planning & Zoning; Marianne McConnell, Deputy Zoning Officer; Valerie Liggett, Boucher & James; Greg Reiff, Parks Foreman; and Beth Staab, 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 January 2020 minutes were approved as submitted.

Public Comment:

148 Summer Ridge Drive – Ron Bertotti – Mr. Bertotti discussed his concerns in regards to the trees that were removed and the decision to remove the fence around basin #25 located at the corner of Upper State Road and Summer Ridge Drive. Mr. Bertotti was advised that the trees were Ash trees and infected with the EAB. The tree stumps will be grinded. The Ash trees removed along the sidewalk / street will be replaced in the near future. The fencing will not be replaced. The Township's insurance provider assessed all Township owned basins and fencing to determine if fencing must remain or allow to deteriorate or can be removed.

Correspondence: none

Update on Projects / Boucher & James:

Land Development – The Commission was updated on the following projects: Montgomeryville Realty Associates Opinion of Probable Cost; Timberlane / 150 Domorah Drive Start of Maintenance and Escrow Release; Gateway Shopping Center Landscaping Status Review; and ProReal Ventures / Sparkle Car Wash Opinion of Probable Cost and Final Plan Review.

Shade Tree Projects – no update

Old Business:

Spring Planting Project / Doylestown Rd Okame Cherry trees – The project will be broken down into two phases; (1) Removal of dead trees and pruning and (2) Installation of new trees. The residents will be notified of the project by letter.

2020 Arbor Day – Saturday April 25th. The Township received the updated order confirmation from Octoraro Nursery.

4th Annual Community Forestry Workshop – November 6, 2020 – Emelie Swackhamer of Penn State Extension has saved the date; Bartlett Tree Experts have confirmed co-hosting the event again this year, waiting to hear back from Starker Wright for Keynote Speaker and discuss topics.

Korean War Memorial Update – The ribbon cutting ceremony is currently scheduled for May 30th.

New Business:

2020 Spring Planting Project / Copper Beech at CRC - John will let the Commission know if he can locate a 6-8 inch Copper Beech. This should be a Spring planting as it is considered a fall hazard.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on March 18, 2020 at the Montgomery Township Building.