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Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes May 19, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at the Township Building at 7:30 pm, Wednesday, May 19, 2021. The members of the Shade Tree Commission in attendance included: Roy Rodriguez and Rich Roller. Also present: Marianne McConnell, Deputy Zoning Officer; and Valerie Liggett, Gilmore Associates.

Regular Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Minutes: The minutes from the April 2021 meeting were not approved due to no quorum. Tabled to June meeting.

Public Comment:

102 Twining Road - Mr. James Prestifilippo owns and resides at the property located at 102 Twining Road. Mr. Prestifilippo has made a request to the Shade Tree Commission to not be required to replace the two street trees removed from his property. He presented photographs of his property showing an existing Bradford Pear and two Japanese Maple trees. Based on the size of his front yard, he felt it would be too crowded to add / replace the two street trees at this time. The Commission has granted his request to not replace the street trees at this time on the condition that when one of the existing trees dies or is removed an approved street tree is installed at that time closer to the street to maintain the streetscape.

Correspondence: none

Update on Projects / Gilmore Associates: Valerie Liggett updated the Commission on the following projects: Krispy Kreme Plan Review; Timberlane Inc., End of Maintenance Inspection; and the 311 Stump Road Minor Subdivision Plan Review.

Old Business:

Okame Cherry Trees – Doylestown Road – A site inspection was completed. Some minor issues need to be addressed and a follow up inspection will be scheduled to finalize and accept the project.

Ash Tree Replacements – The project has been completed and inspected. It is ready to begin the Start of Maintenance period.

Copper Beech at CRC - Montgomery Gardens will coordinate with Gilmore Associates for the installation and inspections. The installation may get pushed to the Fall as the 105" spade needed to transplant is damaged and awaiting to be repaired. The contractor is unable to locate another larger spade at this time.

Act 57 Project Proposal – The landscape plan was reviewed for trees and shrubs to be installed at the Memorial Grove / Korean War Memorial site along the trails. The total cost is estimated at

\$8,985. The project will be submitted to the Finance Dept. to prepare and submit the full proposal for approval.

2021 Arbor Day Recap – All 200 trees were distributed within 1.5 hours to residents. The smaller ornamental trees were a good selection this year. The Commission will place an order for 200 trees again for 2022.

Welcome to Township Monuments – The Commission discussed current locations and possible improvements. The project will be added to the 2022 budget.

New Business: none

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on June 16, 2021 at the Township Building