



Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes September 15, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at the Township Building at 7:30 pm, Wednesday, September 15, 2021. The members of the Shade Tree Commission in attendance included: Roy Rodriguez, Jay Glickman, Bad Walters, and Rich Roller. Also present: Marianne McConnell, Deputy Zoning Officer; and Valerie Liggett, Gilmore Associates.

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

Minutes: On a motion made by Rich and seconded by Jay, the minutes from the August 2021 meeting was approved as submitted.

Public Comment: none

Correspondence: none

Update on Projects / Gilmore Associates: Valerie Liggett updated the Commission on the following projects: Montgomery Realty Cost Adjustments (740 Bethlehem Pike) and the Costco Gas Final Plan review. The project status charts were reviewed with the Commission.

Old Business:

Copper Beech at CRC – The proposed location of the tree will need to be relocated due to proposed Bocce Courts to be installed in the area. Due to the root system of the Copper Beech, the new location must be a relatively flat area and away from any slopes. The Commission approved the language to be used for the proposed plaque to be installed with the Copper Beech. “Copper Beech Tree planted in Celebration of Montgomery Township’s 300th Anniversary 1714-2014”

Welcome to Township Monuments – A preliminary cost for a 16 ft x 6.5 ft tall x 20 inch monument can be \$35K (comparable to the monument located at Enclave Blvd and Bethlehem Pike). The Commission discussed completing research, site visits for proposed locations, and design work in 2022. The proposed monuments would vary in size based on the proposed locations. We would want to keep the color, materials used, and design consistent at each site.

2021 Community Forestry Workshop – The workshop is moving forward. Still awaiting credit approvals for the PA Pesticides from the Dept. of Agriculture. Once the credit approvals are received, we can advertise and promote the event.

New Business:

2022 Proposed Budget – The Commission reviewed the proposed budget and made recommendations.

2022 Arbor Day Tree Order – The order has been placed with Octoraro Native Plant Nursery.

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 October 20, 2021 at the Township Building.