



## MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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### MEETING MINUTES November 18, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at 7:30 PM, Wednesday, November 18, 2015, in the Montgomery Township Building on Stump Road. The members of the Shade Tree Commission in attendance included: Roy Rodriguez, Rich Roller, and Mary Brock. Also present: Marianne McConnell, Deputy Zoning Officer; Greg Reiff, Parks Foreman; and Judy Stern-Goldstein, Boucher & James.

**Approval of Minutes:** On a motion made by Mary Brock and seconded by Rich Roller, the minutes from the October 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

**Public Comment:** none

**Correspondence:** The Commission reviewed the Korean War Memorial Open House flyer and discussed the event.

**Update on Projects:** The status charts were reviewed for replacement trees, land development projects and Shade Tree projects.

*Land Development* – The Commission was updated on the following projects: Maple and Crystal Rd Townhouses tree disturbance; Burger King Expansion waiver of land development; Pour House patio expansion plan review; and the General Hancock Townhomes end of maintenance inspection.

### Old Business:

*2015 Basin Assessments* – The assessments were completed for the 6 basins selected to enter the Naturalization Program. The Commission was provided a copy of the draft assessments prepare by Boucher & James. The DVIT inspection will be scheduled.

1. #34 – Line Street and Addison Lane
2. #25 – Upper State Road and Summer Ridge Rd
3. #18 – Longleat Drive and Preston Drive (Westgate)
4. #5 – Bethlehem Pike at Victoria Court
5. #4 – Veronica Lane
6. #27 – Heather Lea

*Sugar Maples at Memorial Grove* – The project was awarded to Rhoads Garden in the amount of \$11,540 for the removal of 25 trees and the installation of 33 sugar maples. Valerie marked the trees on site to be removed. The trees are scheduled to be removed and installed the week of November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Memorial Grove Stamped Concrete Maintenance – The contractor will clean, remove and replace the caulking, and seal the area around the sundial. The work was quoted at \$3600 by McAndrew Pool Restoration. The area has not been cleaned or resealed since installed in 2008. The work was completed the week of November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

2015 Tree City Recertification and Growth Award Applications – The applications were reviewed by the Commission and were approved for submittal.

E-Recycling event by EAC at Arbor Day – The Commission would like to have the E-recycling event at the same time and place as Arbor Day. A few questions were discussed:

- Move event to Community Center? Other events scheduled for same day?
- Shredder for this event?
- Township residents only or is e-recycling open to everyone?
- Expected turnout for e-recycling?

Street Tree Replacement Education – tabled for future agenda / meeting.

Memorial Grove – The plantings around the benches at the sundial have overgrown. The Commission discussed removing them. The benches are also settling and cracking. A site visit will be conducted and pictures of the area and benches will be available for the December meeting. The Commission also discussed replacing the benches with composite or wood material and adding stone to the circle area around the sundial to keep maintenance down.

Ash Trees / Amend Recommended plant list in SALDO – The Commission reviewed Section 205-56 of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO). Boucher & James was asked to review the recommended trees listed within the ordinance to remove or add trees, specifically the removal of Ash trees due to the EAB infestation. Any recommended amendments to the ordinance should be ready for Board approval by the Spring of 2016.

Township Building / Zelkovas in Parking lot – The zelkovas in the parking lot are blocking some of the light stands. The Commission discussed replacing them with Okame Cherry trees, selective pruning, adjusting the lighting or adding bollard lighting to the site. The Commission did not see in issue at this time and will revisit the issue in the spring / summer when the trees are leafed out.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Montgomery Township Building.