



**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP
SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

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**Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at 7:30 PM, Wednesday, February 21, 2018, in the Montgomery Township Building on Stump Road. The members of the Shade Tree Commission in attendance included: Roy Rodriguez, Rich Roller, Jay Glickman, and Mary Brock. Also present: Bruce Shoupe, Director of Planning & Zoning; Marianne McConnell, Deputy Zoning Officer; Judy Stern-Goldstein, Boucher & James; and Greg Reiff, Parks Foreman.

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

Minutes: On a motion made by Rich Roller and seconded by Jay Glickman, the minutes from the January 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

Public Comment: none

Correspondence: none

Update on Projects / Boucher & James:

Land Development – The Commission was updated on the following projects: Maple Brook Performance Bond release request; Joseph Ambler Inn Opinion of Probable Cost; BJ's Gas Station Start of Maintenance Inspection; Firebirds Grill Conditional Use application is scheduled for the Board of Supervisors meeting on March 26th and has also submitted an application also to the Zoning Hearing Board, which scheduled for March 8th.

Shade Tree Projects – no update at this time.

Old Business:

Ash Tree Removal / Spring Valley Park – An inspection completed by Curt and Greg on Tuesday, February 20th. The work was almost 100% completed. Some minor issues, but overall Pro Mark did a very good job. Greg will meet with them on site February 22nd to finalize the project.

Ash Tree Removal Project / Autumn Woods and Winners Circle Open Space Areas – The project was awarded to ARS Corp in the amount of \$134,000 during the last Board of Supervisor's meeting. The award letter has been forwarded to the contractor. We are awaiting the bonds and insurances to be submitted by the contractor and then the signed contract. Once we receive all of the documents a Notice to Proceed will be forwarded to ARS Corp to begin work.

Ash Tree Assessment Protocol – The Commission reviewed the proposed estimated costs for this proposed project (\$5300) and discussed that it may not be financially responsible to spend that much on identifying Ash trees, documenting, and mapping them into a GIS system. The Commission would rather spend the funds on replanting after the Ash trees have died.

New Business:

Gwynedd Pointe – Landscaping / tree removal request – The management company is requesting to remove several Sycamores and Sweet Gums along Knapp Road due to grass not being able to grow and water runoff. Native ground cover could be planted in order to prevent erosion. Grass should not be under pine trees or these trees (shade). Would like them to submit a \$1000 escrow to meet with Township Landscape Architect. STC members do not support their plan to remove the trees.

2018 Community Forestry Workshop – We will keep the same format as last year. Breakout sessions will be determined at a later date. The Commission discussed reducing the number of breakout session choices from 4 to 3. We will also combine the insect and disease updates into one session as well as it will be the same speaker for both topics. Stephen Hill of Bartlett Tree Experts is securing the keynote speaker from Bartlett. The date of the event will be held either Friday, November 2nd or Thursday November 15th.

CRC Basin Maintenance Recommendations – The Commission reviewed the memo drafted by Boucher & James for the maintenance of the basins located at the Community & Recreation Center.

2018 Spring Planting Project – The dead (Ash trees) parking lot trees at Rosetwig will be removed by the Public Works Department. 38 trees will need to be replaced. Boucher & James was asked to provide the bid specifications for the next meeting in March. Some tree replacements considered include Sawtooth Oaks, Maples, Lindens...

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on March 21, 2018 at the Montgomery Township Building.