



**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP
SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

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**Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at 7:30 PM, Wednesday, August 15, 2018, 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: Bruce Shoupe, Director of Planning & Zoning; Marianne McConnell, Deputy Zoning Officer; Judy Stern-Goldstein, Boucher & James; Scott Deiley, Public Works; and Michael Fox, Board Liaison.

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

Minutes: On a motion made by Rich Roller and seconded by Mary Brock, the minutes from the July 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

Public Comment: none

Correspondence: none

Update on Projects / Boucher & James:

Land Development – The Commission was update on the following projects: Water Tower Square Opinion of Probable Cost and Waiver Request review (fee in lieu of); Goodwin Tract Subdivision End of Maintenance Inspection; 150 Domorah Drive / Timberlane Opinion of Probable Cost; 119 Wentworth Drive Building Plot Plan, Opinion & Probable Cost, and Tree Protection Fence Inspection; and the Water Tower Square Plan Review.

Shade Tree Projects – The Commission was updated on the following projects: see below.

Old Business:

2018 Community Forestry Workshop update – The event will be held on Friday, November 2, 2018. The Keynote speaker is Andrew Lloyd, PhD of Bartlett Laboratories. The agenda has been finalized and forwarded along with the course description and bios to the appropriate agencies for review to obtain credits. The information is now available on the Township website and online registration is up and running.

Ash Tree Removal / Cutting Project / Phase III – The Commission reviewed the bid results received. On a motion made by Rich Roller and seconded by Roy Rodriguez, the Shade Tree Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors award the bid in the amount of

\$77,444 to ARS Corp. pending all bid documents received are verified by Township staff for the Dead and Diseased Ash Tree Removal project. Additional areas of the Township were identified and discussed for future phases of the project:

Phase IV – Windlestrae Park / William Maule & Rose Twig Sections and Memorial Grove. Some wood removal will be necessary. Trees to be marked in late September. Staff is estimating approximately 750 trees in Windlestrae will be marked.

Phase V – Fellowship Park, Applewood Park, Addison Lane Open Space, Aileen Drive Open Space and the Natural Area. Trees should be marked early to mid-October.

Phase VI – Montgomery Hill / Colwyn Terrace / Kelsey Drive, Hourglass Park, Treeline Drive Open Space, Orchard Open Space, Township Building Open Space, and Montgomery Ridge Open Space.

Phase VII – Raven Hollow / Montgomery Lea Open Space, Springville Farm Open Space, and Heather Lea Open Space.

Also, six large Ash trees in Windlestrae Park have been treated for the EAB infestation over the last two years. It appears that two of them are declining in health and need to be taken down. We will continue to treat the remaining four trees.

2018 Fall Planting Project – Two bids received: All Seasons Landscaping in the amount of \$9,520.00 and Holly Days Nursery in the amount of \$10,944.00. The quotes received were for the Green Tree Tavern Rd Basin street trees (11 street trees – London Planes) and the Gwynedd Lea Open Space street trees (5 street trees – London Planes, 12 feet back from sidewalks). ON a motion made by Roy Rodriguez, the Shade Tree Commission made a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to award project to All Seasons Landscaping in amount of \$9,520.00.

New Business:

2019 Proposed Budget – The Shade Tree Commission discussed the budget and potential projects for 2019. The following items were discussed: Replacement Okame Cherry trees along Doylestown Road; Proposed Korean War Memorial landscaping; Reinspection of six additional naturalized basins; Forestry Management Consulting fees; create map for Legacy Tree Program.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm. The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on September 19, 2018 at the Montgomery Township Building.