



**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP
SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

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**Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at 7:30 PM, Wednesday, September 19, 2018, in the Montgomery Township Building on Stump Road. The members of the Shade Tree Commission in attendance included: Roy Rodriguez, Rich Roller and Jay Glickman. Also present: Bruce Shoupe, Director of Planning & Zoning; Marianne McConnell, Deputy Zoning Officer; Valerie Liggett, Boucher & James; Greg Reiff, Parks Foreman; Curt Eshleman, Timberlink Consulting; and John Antonucci.

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

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

Public Comment:

221 Jonathan Drive – The homeowner addressed the Commission in regards to the large Locust street tree that was removed from the property. It was too large for the space and large mushrooms are now growing in the lawn area. The root system is also dying off and fungus is growing. The homeowner requests a year delay to allow the area to clear of the fungus and the root system to completely deteriorate / decay. The homeowner also requests to install a hybrid of two dogwoods on the approved street tree list; a ‘Cornus Rutgan’ dogwood. The Commission approved of her request and advised her that she can shift the location for the replacement as needed.

Correspondence: none

Update on Projects / Boucher & James:

Land Development – The Commission was update on the following projects and reviewed the updated status charts: 150 Domorah Drive / Timberlane waiver of land development request; Christian Brothers Tree protection fencing inspection; Higher Rock Opinion of Probable Cost and Land Development plan review; Montgomery Retirement Residence Tree Protection fencing inspection; FedEx land development plan review and waiver request; Maple Brook Estates inspection for release of Performance Bond; and Narayan Guest House end of maintenance inspection.

Shade Tree Projects – The Commission reviewed the updated status charts prepared by Boucher & James.

Old Business:

2018 Community Forestry Workshop update – The event will be held on Friday, November 2, 2018. Information was distributed through the PA Extension (email blast). The information is on the website and the registration is open online through the CRC website. Credit approvals were received and updated online as well.

Ash Tree Removal / Cutting Project / Phase III – The Commission reviewed the re-bid results received. On a motion made by Jay Glickman and seconded by Rich Roller, the Shade Tree Commission recommended that the Board of Supervisors award the bid in the amount of \$73,500 to Clauser Tree Service 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. Approximately 960 trees have been 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, Twp 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, some areas in Phase II have been revisited. The areas are satisfactory in regards to progression of natural decay and regrowth.

2018 Fall Planting Project – 2018 Fall Planting Project – The project is moving forward and scheduled to be completed by mid-October pending weather conditions.

2109 Proposed Budget – The Commission reviewed the proposed budget to be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Korean War Memorial Update - CFA Grant application was approved for \$224,162. Organization has received donations as well for this project.

New Business:

Gwynedd Pointe - The landscape plans were revised and a site visit will be conducted on 9/28 at 10am with the contractor. The project is currently underway.

Arbor Day Foundation Coffee – The Commission would like to purchase coffee samples from the Arbor Day Foundation as an additional give-away to the residents. This coffee program supports the farmers who help protect the rain forest ecosystems and helps them implement more responsible, rain-forest friendly coffee production practices reducing the amount of clear-cutting.

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 October 17, 2018 at the Montgomery Township Building.