

AGENDA ITEMS

- Floodplain Ordinance - Amendments
- Shade Tree Ordinance - Amendments

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

August 18, 2016

The August 18, 2016, meeting of the Montgomery Township Planning Commission was called to order by Vice Chairman Leon McGuire at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Steven Krumenacker, James Rall, Michael Lyon and Ellen Reynolds. Chairman Jay Glickman was absent. Also present was Bruce Shoupe, Director of Planning and Zoning.

The minutes of June 16, 2016, were approved as submitted.

There were no public comments.

Floodplain Ordinance Amendment - #16-297-Z

Mr. Shoupe explained that in March the Township had updated the Floodplain Ordinance. Following adoption of this ordinance and review by FEMA, additional changes were identified. Mr. Shoupe explained that these changes needed to be made to comply with the FEMA regulations. He noted that there were three items that needed to be modified: the date of March 2, 2016, needed to be added as the date of the floodplain maps; a description of Zone AE needed to be added; and, mobile homes will now be prohibited from being placed in the floodplain. Mr. Shoupe further stated that the Township staff had felt that it was appropriate to have the Board of Supervisors readopt the entire revised ordinance and this ordinance will supersede the previously adopted ordinance. This ordinance will also amend the Township's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to ensure consistency with the Floodplain ordinance. A motion was made by Mr. Lyon, seconded by Mr. Rall, to recommend to the Board of Supervisors, that this ordinance be adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

Shade Tree Ordinance Amendment - #16-298-S

Mr. Shoupe advised that Chapter 189 of the Township Code regarding Shade Trees had been revised by the Township staff and Landscape Architect. The amendment was to add a new section regarding residential street tree replacement. Mr. Shoupe further stated that the ordinance will eliminate conflicts in Chapter 205, the Subdivision and Land Development Code, as to location, type and height of trees

from the right-of-way, near overhead utility line location and updating the recommended plant list to further clarify street trees on lots with small front yard setbacks. Some discussion occurred regarding the replacement of street trees in older developments. Mr. Shoupe explained that if it was not known what type of trees were originally approved, suggestions were made from the approved list. This ordinance would update that list. A question arose regarding the comments of the County Planning Commission. Mr. Shoupe explained that their suggestions had been reviewed by the Township Landscape Architect and they feel that what has been prepared for adoption is what is best for the Township. A motion was made by Mr. Krumenacker, seconded by Mr. Lyon, to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that this ordinance be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Marita Stoerrle
Development Coordinator/
Recording Secretary