



**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP
SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

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**Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at 7:30 PM, Wednesday, May 16, 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; Greg Reiff, Parks Foreman; and Curt Eshleman, Timberlink Consulting.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm

Minutes: On a motion made by Rich Roller and seconded by Mary Brock, the minutes from the April 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 Estates Inspection for Release of Performance Bond; General Hancock Hotels End of Maintenance Inspection; North Wales Crossing Landscape Inspection; and the Higher Rock Mixed Use Land Development Plan Review.

Shade Tree Projects – Sugar Maple Grove tree replacements; Rhoads Garden cannot locate Green Mountain Sugar Maples in order to replant. 7 trees need to be replaced. The Commission agreed to allow Rhoads to obtain a different variety of sugar maple for replacements.

Old Business:

2018 Spring Planting Project - Rose Twig – The trees need to be removed by Public Works prior to the installation of the new trees. Any substitutions must be approved by the Township prior to installation, request Sawtooth Oaks instead of Pin Oaks.

2018 Community Forestry Workshop update – November 2, 2018. Keynote speaker, Andrew Lloyd, PhD of Bartlett Laboratories. Save the date notice went out in the Penn State Extension mailings. Mary has contacted all of the speakers for bios and course descriptions in order to

apply for credit and certifications. Mary also contacted Emelie about the next mailing date. Need to send out Save the Dates to Montgomery and Bucks County Shade Tree Commissions, and EAC's.

Arbor Day Recap – The Boy Scouts planted trees on May 5th within Spring Valley Park. Approximately 40 trees are left over from the tree giveaway. Roy has volunteered to plant the leftover trees within Autumn Woods. The leftover trees to be planted included; Swamp White Oaks, American Sycamores, Basswoods, and River Birches.

Ash Tree Removal / Cutting Project Phase III – The Commission discussed Windlestrae Park including the Rose Twig and Zehr Tract sections. The focus will be along streams and walking paths. Due to the riparian zones, the trees will be cut down and the wood will be left behind. The Gwynedd Lea Open Space Area behind residential homes is a possible area to add to phase III as well. Greg and Curt will complete the site visits and have the information ready for the June meeting for discussion and recommendation. The old Aschenbrand property along Hartman Road was discussed as a possible Ash tree cutting site as well.

New Business:

Terrace at Montgomery / Street Tree replacements – The HOA removed 64 street trees last year along the streets that were deed restricted. They will be replacing them this Spring with the smaller approved street trees.

Fall 2018 Project – Two possible projects were discussed: Replace street trees along basin at Green Tree Tavern Rd. 10-15 trees and Replace some Okame Cherry trees along Doylestown Road.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on June 20, 2018 at the Montgomery Township Building.