



**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP
SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

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**Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at 7:30 PM, Wednesday, October 17, 2018, in the Montgomery Township Building on Stump Road. The members of the Shade Tree Commission in attendance included: Roy Rodriguez, Rich Roller, Mary Brock and Jay Glickman. Also present: Bruce Shoupe, Director of Planning & Zoning; Marianne McConnell, Deputy Zoning Officer; Valerie Liggett, Boucher & James; Greg Reiff, Parks Foreman; 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 September 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

Public Comment:

Barbara Ratzke of 102 Pemberton Court – Ash trees were felled behind her home last Spring. The resident believes that the wood and debris left behind has created a dam and a flooding situation. Ms. Ratke requested that the Township spread the debris out, not remove it, but spread it out over the site rather than leave it in a large pile. Greg and Curt completed a site visit within the past week and Greg presented pictures of the site for the Commission to review. The Commission reviewed the pictures and noted that it is a historically wet site. The Commission felt that the extreme amount of rain this past summer season has made matters worse rather than the wood debris. It was noted that the site is progressing as expected and the Township has no plans at this time to relocate any of the debris from the felled trees.

Correspondence: none

Update on Projects / Boucher & James:

Land Development – The Commission was update on the following projects and reviewed the updated status charts: McCallum Tract Plan Review; Pileggi Tract Inspection for Release of Performance Bond; Cutler Age Restricted – Phase IIB Opinion & Probable Cost for remaining landscaping; and Lomax Carpet and Tile Mart Landscape Buffer Inspection.

Old Business:

2018 Community Forestry Workshop update – Friday, November 2, 2018. Hoping numbers will increase. Currently estimate 22+ attendees. Email blast sent to Bucks County Consortium and Montgomery County Zoning Officer's Association earlier today. Add to evaluation, how to spread the word, get information out. Possible additional sponsors for next year? Township content-neutral policy?

Ash Tree Removal / Cutting Project Phase IV – The Commission reviewed the maps and tabulation sheet for the proposed bid. The majority of the haul away is due to the narrow area at the stream and the floodplain areas.

2018 Fall Planting Project – The project is moving forward and scheduled to be completed. Contractor waiting on first frost to dig trees to install. Areas have been staked for install.

New Business:

2018 Tree City Certification and Growth Award – The Commission reviewed the application process and Growth Award categories that the Township may be eligible for. The application deadline is December 31, 2018.

2019 Arbor Day Tree Give-Away – The Commission discussed next year's tree order and event. They suggested adding a sign at the event that states "For Montgomery Township Residents" and "One per household" due to the increasing number of non-residents attending. (Some mistake that it's for Montgomery County residents).

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 November 14, 2018 at the Montgomery Township Building. (rescheduled from November 21, 2018 due to the holiday)