



**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP  
SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

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**Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes  
May 15, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at 7:30 pm, Wednesday, May 15, 2019, in the Montgomery Township Building on Stump Road. The members of the Shade Tree Commission in attendance included: Roy Rodriguez, Jay Glickman and Mary Brock. Also present: Bruce Shoupe, Director of Planning & Zoning; Marianne McConnell, Deputy Zoning Officer; Valerie Liggett, Boucher & James; Greg Reiff, Parks Foreman; and Brad Walters.

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

**Minutes:** On a motion made by Jay and seconded by Mary, the April 2019 minutes approved as submitted.

**Public Comment:** none

**Correspondence:** none

**Update on Projects / Boucher & James:**

Land Development – The Commission was updated on the following projects: Kin Properties / Sprint Store End of Maintenance Inspection; 1390 Welsh Road End Of Maintenance Inspection; 1701 N. Line Street End of Maintenance Inspection; BJ's Gas Station Start of Maintenance Inspection; and Water Tower Square / Miller's Ale House Tree Protection Fencing Inspection.

Shade Tree Projects – 2019 Spring Planting Project – Memorial Grove Parking lot – The project has been awarded and should be completed within the next few weeks.

**Old Business:**

Phase IV – Still in progress, completion deadline is June 10<sup>th</sup>. Knight Bros. is moving along now, Greg and Curt have been following up, and conducting site visits to determine the status of the project. It is a little confusing as to the contractor's method and strategy which makes it more difficult to keep track of how far along they are. At this time, not one area of the project has been completed in full, they seem to jump around and back track to finish areas. No bucket truck or climbers have been seen on the job as of this date. A letter will be forwarded in early May reminding the contractor that the deadline for completion is approaching.

Ash Tree Forestry Management Project Phases I, II, III and V – These phases have been completed.

Ash Tree Forestry Management Project Phase VB – Awarded to Rambo Tree Service in the amount of \$63,750. This phase is currently underway.

Phase VI – Awarded to ProMark Tree Service in the amount of \$49,725.

Phase VII – 355 trees. Bids have been received and are currently under review by Township staff and the Township Solicitor.

2019 Community Forestry Workshop – November 1, 2019. Potential Speakers have been contacted. The Community Center has been reserved. Starker Wright of Bartlett Tree Experts, has secured the keynote speaker. His topic is the Role of Trees in Stormwater Management. Valerie Liggett of Boucher & James will present as well. Emelie Swackhammer will provide the insect update. We are still looking for a speaker to provide the pesticide regulatory update as Daniel Deuhr of the Dept. of Agriculture is no longer available. The Speaker biographies have been requested and we need to finalize the speakers and agenda in order to apply for credit approvals.

Arbor Day Recap 2019 – The event was successful and all 270 trees were handed out to be planted within Montgomery Township.

#### **New Business:**

Fall tree give away or Township planting project – The Commission discussed the idea of having another tree give-away for residents to plant a tree or trees on their property or putting together a volunteer planting project for trees to be planted on Township properties. The give-away would be for those residents affected by the Township's Ash Tree Forestry Management Program.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm. The next meeting will be held at 9 pm on June 19, 2019 at the Montgomery Township Building.