



**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP
SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

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**Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at 7:30 PM, Wednesday, January 16, 2019, in the Montgomery Township Building on Stump Road. The members of the Shade Tree Commission in attendance included: Roy Rodriguez, Jay Glickman, 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 John Antonucci.

2019 Reorganization: The members unanimously elected Roy Rodriguez as Chairman of the Commission (24th year) on a motion made by Mary Brock and seconded by Jay Glickman. The members unanimously elected Rich Roller as Vice-Chairman on a motion made by Jay Glickman and seconded by Mary Brock.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm

Minutes: On a motion made by Jay Glickman and seconded by Mary Brock, the October and November 2018 minutes were approved s submitted.

Public Comment: none

Correspondence: none

Update on Projects / Boucher & James:

Land Development – The Commission was update on the following projects: 119 Wentworth Drive tree protection fencing; Christian Brothers; Police & Fire Federal Credit Union Plan Review (amended plan submittal); Montgomery Realty Associates Plan Review; WB Commons Escrow Release Inspection; Joseph Ambler Inn Phase 2 Plan Review; FedEx Ground Opinion & Probable Cost; and Firebirds Tree Protection Fence inspection.

The updated Land Development, Shade Tree Projects, and Tree Replacements status charts were reviewed.

Old Business:

Ash Tree Forestry Management Project Phase V – The Commission reviewed the bid results for this phase of the project. The bid submittals will be reviewed by staff for completion and then forwarded to the BOS for approval.

Ash Tree Forestry Management Project– Approximately 505 Ash trees have been marked to be felled for Phase V-B. The areas include: Fellowship Park, Cambridge Knoll Open Space, Applewood Park, and the Natural Area.

Phase III has been completed by Clauser Tree Service and the Township is please with their workmanship and completion of the project. Phase IV has been contracted with Knight Bros and is currently under way. Phase V bid opening was held this morning and staff is currently reviewing the bid proposals submitted for completion.

New Business:

2019 Spring Planting Projects -

Okame Cherry Trees along Doylestown Road – These trees were planted by the Commission in 2002 and 2003. A site visit was conducted by Boucher & James to determine the condition of the trees. Trees have been identified as either missing, need pruning, or have died.

Memorial Grove parking lot tree replacements - The Ash trees need to be removed and replacements will be installed. The replacement tree species will be discussed at the next meeting.

Greg Reiff will provide a list of areas within the Township (Township lands) where Ash trees have been removed for future possible replacement projects.

2019 Fall Planting – The Commission discussed potential Fall projects. Can we get trees through Tree Tenders / PHS? – replacements for areas where Ash Trees have been felled / removed or possibly the Peco Green Region grant. This will be added to the February agenda.

2019 Arbor Day - Saturday, April 27th. 270 trees have been ordered. Event will be held at the Community Center.

2019 Community Forestry Workshop - Dates being considered include October 24th, 25th and November 1st, 7th, 8th. Potential speakers with Penn State Extension have been contacted to finalize the proposed date. November 1st has been selected. Need to confirm the date with Stephen Hilbert, Bartlett Tree Services the send out Save the Date notices. Need to establish agenda immediately. PA Pesticide Category 10 / Right of Ways are difficult credits to obtain for Public Works employees. Mary will look into obtaining those credits for the 2019 Workshop.

Other News - Korean War Memorial obtained grant monies, \$240,000 from the State in addition to the monies received from the Korean Government. Montgomery Township received \$850,000 grant from the State for trail development.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on February 20, 2019 at the Montgomery Township Building.