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Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes August 18, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission was held at the Township Building at 7:30 pm, Wednesday, August 18, 2021. The members of the Shade Tree Commission in attendance included: Roy Rodriguez, Jay Glickman, and Rich Roller. Also present: Gregg Reiff, Public Works Director; Marianne McConnell, Deputy Zoning Officer; Bruce Shoupe, Director of Planning & Zoning; Valerie Liggett, Gilmore Associates; and Beth Staab, Board Liaison.

Regular Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Minutes: The minutes from the June 2021 meeting were approved as submitted.

Public Comment: none

Correspondence: none

Update on Projects / Gilmore Associates: Valerie Liggett updated the Commission on the following projects: Higher Rock partnership Escrow Release, 311 Stump Road Minor Subdivision Plan Review, and Walnut Knoll Subdivision (1109 Vilsmeier Rd) Plan Review & Improvement Costs.

Old Business:

Copper Beech at CRC - Montgomery Gardens will coordinate with Gilmore Associates for the installation and inspections. The 105" spade has been repaired and they are now able to dig and plant the tree this summer. Due to the excessive heat and rain, the planting has been postponed. It is currently scheduled for August 23rd. John Antonucci will donate a boulder to be placed near the tree for the dedication plaque to be mounted on. The Commission is looking to purchase a 12x18 bronze plaque to dedicate the tree's planting to commemorate the Township's 300th Anniversary

Welcome to Township Monuments – The project will be added to the 2022 budget. The Commission is looking to match the monument / fencing installed at the entrance of Enclave Blvd at Bethlehem Pike. Once we estimates, we can determine the proposed locations.

2021 Community Forestry Workshop – The agenda and speakers topics and information are being finalized. Waiting to confirm with the PA Department of Agriculture as to availability of a representative to present the PA Pesticide Regulatory Update.

New Business: none

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on September 15, 2021 at the Township Building.