



Borough of Doylestown Shade Tree Commission

AGENDA

**Tuesday, May 12, 2026
6:30 P.M.**

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The regular meeting of the Shade Tree Commission was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 6:30 PM at Doylestown Borough Hall, 10 Doyle Street. Commission members in attendance included Lisa Moscherosch, Kayvon Tabatabai, and Jean Weston. Also present was Grant Rowe, Sustainability Coordinator.

Call to Order: Lisa Moscherosch called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Approval of Minutes: The April 2026 minutes were approved. (WESTON/TABATABAI)

Subdivision/Land Development: None

Tree Applications:

1. 1 Sandy Ridge Drive, James Carr, Property Owner
 - a. The homeowner was present and commented that the tree is showing signs of disease and decline. Reviewing the permit, the members of the Shade Tree Commission recommended approval. (WESTON/TABATABAI)
2. 117 Cottage Street, Theresa Steltzer, Property Owner
 - a. The homeowner was not in attendance. Following discussion, the members of the Shade Tree Commission recommended approval. (MOSCHEROSCH/TABATABAI)
3. 159 Washington Street, Sean VanBastelaar, Property Owner
 - a. The homeowner was not in attendance. MOSCHEROSCH commented that the walnut is in decline, but the maple appears is decent condition. Sustainability Coordinator, Grant Rowe, added that Borough Arborist, Bob McMullin, agreed with her comment, e.g. that the walnut is in a worse state than the maple. Following discussion, the members of the Shade Tree Commission recommended approving the walnut and denying the maple. (MOSCHEROSCH/WESTON)
4. 11 Timothy Drive, Carolyn Bader, Property Owner
 - a. The homeowner was in attendance. Sustainability Coordinator, Grant Rowe, commented that Borough Arborist, Bob McMullin, shared notes regarding this property, recommending approval for this permit. Upon reviewing the permit, the members of the Shade Tree Commission recommended approval. (MOSCHEROSCH/TABATABAI)
 - b. TABATABAI added that this property may qualify for a street tree as part of the Borough's street tree program. Grant offered to check on the viability of a street tree and follow up with the homeowner.
5. 200 Belmont Avenue, Timothy & Joan Block, Property Owners
 - a. The homeowners were not in attendance. MOSCHEROSCH commented that the trees appear in decline. The members of the Shade Tree Commission recommended approval

with a suggestion to plant something on the property in the future.
(MOSCHEROSCH/TABATABAI)

6. 224 Doyle Street, William & Eileen Lyle, Property Owner
 - a. The homeowners were in attendance. MOSCHEROSCH commented the trees are in decline. After discussion, the members of the Shade Tree commission recommended approval.
(MOSCHEROSCH/TABATABAI)
 - b. The Shade Tree Commission also suggested that the homeowners consider planting another tree if there is space on the property.
7. 490 North Street, Mohand Kadri, Property Owner
 - a. The homeowner was in attendance. Sustainability Coordinator, Grant Rowe, commented that Borough Arborist, Bob McMullin, shared notes regarding this property, suggesting that the oak on the permit not be taken down. The homeowner agreed and withdrew their request to remove the oak. Following discussion, the members of the Shade Tree Commission recommended approval of the only tree left on the permit (silver maple).
(MOSCHEROSCH/WESTON)
 - b. The homeowner asked about having a street tree planted on their property. Grant offered to check on the viability and follow up with the homeowner.
8. 133 Harvey Avenue, Ron & Christine Harttraft, Property Owner
 - a. The homeowners were not in attendance. Sustainability Coordinator, Grant Rowe, commented that Borough Arborist, Bob McMullin, shared notes regarding this property, stating that the tree on the permit is infected with a disease known as Cytospora canker and can be removed. The members of the Shade Tree Commission recommended approval and suggested replanting of a tree in the future. (MOSCHEROSCH/WESTON)
9. 235 N. Franklin Street, Judy Borenstein, Property Owner
 - a. The homeowner was in attendance. Sustainability Coordinator, Grant Rowe, commented that Borough Arborist, Bob McMullin, shared notes regarding this property. McMullin stated that both oaks on the permit are in decline and may have bacterial leaf scorch, but recommended that the trees be left for now (not taken down) as the symptoms are not yet clear enough to determine that the trees have the disease unless a lab test is completed. David McCann from ATS Tree Service was also in attendance and commented that ATS could conduct a lab test to determine if the trees have bacterial leaf scorch. He also added that branches are falling from the trees close to the home. The members of the Shade Tree Commission recommended approval with the condition that a test be completed to confirm that bacterial leaf scorch is present in the trees. (TABATABAI/WESTON)
10. 210 Belmont Avenue, Jeffrey Toner, Property owner
 - a. The homeowner was in attendance. MOSCHEROSCH commented that the tree is in decline. The members of the Shade Tree Commission recommended approval.
(WESTON/TABATABAI)

Old/New Business:

1. Earth Day and Bare Root Trees
 - a. Sustainability Coordinator, Grant Rowe, shared thanks to the Shade Tree Commission for their help with the Borough's Earth Day celebration in April.
2. Street Tree Planting Update and Signage
 - a. Sustainability Coordinator, Grant Rowe, shared that the Borough placed lines for PA-1 calls and that the Borough has scheduled a meeting with PECO to solidify pre-planting details. In addition, it has labeled/allocated the trees to the corresponding properties. Once the Borough is cleared to being planting, it will do so.
 - b. TABATABAI recommended that the Borough create smaller signs to place next to street trees to share information about the program. Grant agreed to look into this.
3. Draft Tree Educational Material
 - a. Sustainability Coordinator, Grant Rowe, is still working to complete the tree guide. He will share it when it is complete.
4. Plant Grant Planting
 - a. Sustainability Coordinator, Grant Rowe, shared that the Borough is hosting a planting event at Broad Commons Park with Doylestown FISH on Saturday, June 30 as part of their

“Thanks, Frank” day of service. Community members will be planting around 100 trees (though Grant is trying to purchase more), the majority of which were donated to the Borough from Bowman’s Hill Wildflower Preserve as part of a plant grant the Borough was awarded. Lisa suggested that Grant reach out to Baldev to help solidify a planting plan. Grant agreed to do so.

Reports:

1. Chairperson Report
 - a. MOSCHEROSCH commented that there are trees in decline at the community garden near the Bucks County Free Library. Sustainability Coordinator, Grant Rowe, noted that he submitted a ticket about the trees to Public Works.
 - b. Tree Tabulation Report Updates
 - i. Sustainability Coordinator, Grant Rowe, shared that he is exploring options to add a new layer to the TreeKeeper software. He is exploring whether or not the Borough has an extra layer available that could be utilized for this street tree mapping project, or if the Borough needs to pay around \$750 for a new layer.
2. Arborist’s Report
 - a. Borough Arborist, Bob McMullin, shared that bacterial leaf scorch, particular to oak, is one of the top concerns for the Borough. Beech leaf disease and frost damage are also key concerns.

Public Comment

1. Michelle Crunkleton asked the Shade Tree Commission members how the Borough determines, (what criteria is used) when to remove or prune a street tree. Sustainability Coordinator, Grant Rowe, responded that the Borough regularly maintains street trees for watering, pruning, and/or treatment. If a tree is in decline or needs more maintenance, the Borough makes a note and works to address the concern or, if needed, remove the tree. Michelle informed the Shade Tree Commission that there are two street trees by her property on West Court Street that are in decline. One of the trees is infected with bacterial leaf scorch. Further, PECO has also done work on the tree around its roots which has further impacted it. Grant responded by saying he would take a look at the street trees and put in a ticket with the Public Works department, so the Borough can take a look at the tree.

Adjournment: There will be no further business before the Shade Tree Commission. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm. (MOSCHEROSCH/WESTON)

Next Shade Tree Commission Meeting is Tuesday, June 9, 2026