



Borough of Doylestown Shade Tree Commission

Minutes

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

6:30 P.M.

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The regular meeting of the Shade Tree Commission was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 6:30 PM at Doylestown Borough Hall, 10 Doyle Street. Commission members in attendance included Lisa Moscherosch, Kayvon Tabatabai, Baldev Lamba, and Jean Weston. Also present were Borough Arborist, Bob McMullin, and Grant Rowe, Sustainability Coordinator.

Full Meeting Packet: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/4loflkzfnskrsttwwqkom/AO4VsNYdnsQX-473O0bvUsU?rlkey=4ryfwv429wl3stjghubn5l47p&dl=0>

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

Approval of Minutes: The June 2026 minutes were approved as submitted. (WESTON/LAMBA)

Subdivision/Land Development: None

Tree Applications:

1. 19 Stacey Drive, Olga Yevsyeyenko, Property Owner
 - a. The homeowner was in attendance. Borough Arborist, Bob McMullin, commented that he supports the removal of the White Pine on the permit. However, there is another White Pine on or very near the property with a double trunk that could be considered for removal in the future. Without steps to prevent issues, the tree is prone to splitting. Sustainability Coordinator, Grant Rowe, will make note of this on any issued permit. This way, the homeowner can investigate this in the future. Following discussion, the members of the Shade Tree Commission recommended approval. (MOSCHEROSCH/LAMBA)
2. 272 W. Oakland Avenue, Mary Kremser, Property Owner
 - a. The homeowner was not in attendance. Following discussion, the members of the Shade Tree Commission recommended approval. (MOSCHEROSCH/TABATABAI)
3. 273 W. Court Street, Michel Thenin, Property Owner
 - a. The homeowner was not in attendance. Following discussion, the members of the Shade Tree Commission recommended approval. (MOSCHEROSCH/TABATABAI)
4. 265 Green Street, Rick Cline, Property Owner
 - a. The homeowner was not in attendance. Following discussion, the members of the Shade Tree Commission recommended approval. (MOSCHEROSCH/TABATABAI)
5. 54 S. Franklin Street, Scott Butler, Property Owner
 - a. The homeowner was in attendance and commented that the tree on his permit (Norway Maple) is invasive and includes some dead branches and ivy. Borough Arborist, Bob McMullin, commented that the tree is not inherently posing an issue, but that it is invasive and, because of this, could warrant it being removed. Following discussion, the members of the Shade Tree Commission recommended approval and suggested potential native plantings in the future. (MOSCHEROSCH/LAMBA)
6. 110 McConnell Avenue, William Maeglin, Property Owner
 - a. The homeowner was in attendance and commented that the trees (3 total) on his permit are growing in his fence line which he is planning to replace. Borough Arborist, Bob McMullin, agreed that the trees, which are Mulberry trees, are fast growing and will continue to pose an

issue. MOSCHEROSCH added that the trees are not large shade trees. Following discussion, the members of the Shade Tree Commission recommended approval. (MOSCHEROSCH/LAMBA)

7. 727 S. Chubb Drive, Michael Line, Property Owner
 - a. The homeowner was not in attendance. Following discussion, the members of the Shade Tree Commission recommended approval. (MOSCHEROSCH/TABATABAI)
8. 22 Juniper Drive, Zachary Markgraf, Property Owner
 - a. The homeowner was in attendance and commented that the trees (4 total) on the permit are to be removed due to a variety of concerns, including one (Blue Spruce—actually listed as Pine on the permit) is near utility lines, one (Maple) is close to the home, and the other two (Honey Locust and Maple) are dropping branches which poses a hazard to his family. He is also considering adding an addition to his property in the backyard which would further require the Honey Locust in the back to be removed. Sustainability Coordinator, Grant Rowe, commented that two of the trees on the permit, the Pine and Maple along the driveway, have already been approved due to their hazard status, e.g. they were given hazard approval. The Shade Tree Commission is to make a recommendation on the remaining two trees, e.g. second Maple and Honey Locust. Borough Arborist, Bob McMullin, commented that he wouldn't object to both trees being removed. The Maple is in poor condition and the Honey Locust, while healthy, is in a difficult location given the mess it can create. Following discussion, the members of the Shade Tree Commission recommended approval. (MOSCHEROSCH/LAMBA)
 - b. MOSCHEROSCH added that the property could qualify for a street tree as part of the street tree initiative in the future. The homeowner agreed to follow-up on this in the next few years and Sustainability Coordinator, Grant Rowe, agreed to check-in during the next planting initiative.
9. 39 Pearl Drive, Giovanni Martinez, Property Owner
 - a. The homeowner was not in attendance. MOSCHEROSCH commented that tree on the permit is a Sweet Gum and not a Maple. Following discussion, the members of the Shade Tree Commission recommended approval. (MOSCHEROSCH/TABATABAI)
10. 480 North Street, Tony Yacobacci, Property Owner
 - a. David McCann from ATS Tree Service was in attendance for the property owner. Borough Arborist, Bob McMullin, inquired about why the Silver Maple is on the permit for removal. McCann commented that the homeowner wishes to make repairs to his fence and to deal with brush, branches, and overgrowth on the property. To do so, the Silver Maple should be removed. Following discussion, the members of the Shade Tree Commission recommended approval. (TABATABAI/MOSCHEROSCH)
11. 84 South Pine Street, Bucks County Historical Society, Property Owner
 - a. The homeowner was not in attendance. Following discussion, the members of the Shade Tree Commission recommended approval. (MOSCHEROSCH/TABATABAI)

Old/New Business:

1. Street Tree Planting Update
 - a. Sustainability Coordinator, Grant Rowe, shared that all residential street trees have been planted in collaboration with Kayvon and LFB Landscape Management. This brings an end to the street tree planting initiative for this planting season outside of a few trees selected for planting at Borough Parks.
2. Draft Tree Educational Material
 - a. Rowe reviewed the tree planting guide and asked for comments. He also offered to share a digital version for comments. MOSCHEROSCH mentioned that the guide could include some small-to-medium trees such as Red Bud, White Fringe Tree, and Sweetbay Magnolia. WESTON suggested that the Sweet Gum page include the fruit of the tree.
3. Plant Grant Future Care
 - a. Rowe informed the Shade Tree Commission members that summer help is actively watering street trees and the recently installed native plants at Broad Commons Park.
4. New Street Trees
 - a. WESTON asked for more information on the new street trees planted across the street from

Jules Thin Crust Pizza in the Borough. Rowe shared that the trees were planted by a private contractor following sidewalk repair.

Reports:

1. Chairperson Report
 - a. Tree Tabulation Report Updates
 - i. Sustainability Coordinator, Grant Rowe, shared that he received the invoice from TreeKeeper to pay to create a new tree layer. He will work to get that paid and meet with TreeKeeper to begin creating it.
2. Arborist's Report
 - a. Borough Arborist, Bob McMullin, shared that many of the aging trees in the Borough are starting to decline. Further, nearly 100% of the green American Beeches are infected with Beech Leaf Disease. Keystone has been using a trunk injection to target this, but it is not necessarily a "cure." Outside of Beech Leaf Disease, symptoms for Bacterial Leaf Scorch will begin to show soon, likely in August. Keystone has a treatment for this that appears to have some success. Finally, the trees in the Borough seem to be doing alright given the drought-conditions but McMullin will continue to keep an eye on things.

Public Comment

1. Representatives from Ambler Borough attended and shared that they are interested in exploring a tree ordinance and/or a Shade Tree Commission. They recently hired a consulting Borough Arborist and they are now working to create a tree ordinance to create a permit-like process for tree removal similar to Doylestown Borough. Borough Arborist, Bob McMullin, and Sustainability Coordinator, Grant Rowe, offered an overview of the tree removal process and cost in the Borough, from the initial permit application to Shade Tree Commission recommendation and/or instance-specific emergency approvals. TABATABAI added that the Borough also keeps track of its public trees, outside of the private removal process, using a software known as TreeKeeper. The Ambler Representatives asked about tree company insurance requirements in the Borough and Borough Arborist, Bob McMullin, discussed challenges related to insurance and/or the lack of it.
2. A representative from the Bucks County Foodshed Alliance, Susan Rouson, commented that she is concerned about the lack of trees in front of Borough Hall, especially given plans to move the Farmers Market to that location. Sustainability Coordinator, Grant Rowe, replied that he is open to meeting to discuss this further but planting new trees in this location will be a challenge given spacing concerns as well as the recently installed rooftop solar array at Borough Hall. She also mentioned that she has seen larger houses built in place of older, smaller cottages in the Borough. During such construction, many mature trees have been removed. She asked if the Borough allows such trees to be cut down. Rowe replied that there is a specific process for new construction and/or demolition, and that various permits and plans/reviews are required. However, he would have to check on the specific properties she is referring to. Borough Arborist, Bob McMullin, added that some of the trees may have also needed to be removed due to damage, e.g. Beech Tree roots have been impacted by new construction.

Adjournment: There will be no further business before the Shade Tree Commission. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm (MOSCHEROSCH/TABATABAI)

Next Shade Tree Commission Meeting is Tuesday, August 11, 2026