

**Borough of Doylestown
Shade Tree Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: Wednesday April 18, 2018

Location and Time: Borough Hall Conference Room 6:30 PM

Meeting Attendance:

- *Shade Tree Commission:* Chris May, Judy Stratton, Carter van Dyke, Baldev Lamba, Jim Resek
- *Borough Arborist:* Bob McMullin
- *Borough Staff Liaison to STC:* Dave Burger
- *Director of Building and Zoning:* Karyn Hyland (until 7PM)
- *Landscape Development Applicants:* None
- *Permit Applicants:* Lee Clark for 504 Fonthill Drive
- *For PECO Presentation:* Tonia Graham, Ted Dorand, Marlene Devon
- *Others:* Denny Brown (for Oak Tree at 168 E. Oakland Avenue), Ron Strouse (Mayor), Noni West (Borough Council)

Meeting Discussions:

1. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- The February 21, 2018 Minutes were approved by a voice vote of all STC members present.

2. Subdivision Plans and Land Development Waiver Applications: None

3. Special Presentation by PECO: PECO made a presentation to the Shade Tree Commission on their ongoing tree work, so their electric distribution lines in the Borough can continue to operate with as few interruptions from trees as possible. PECO contracts Davey Resource Group to determine what needs to be done and they contract Asplundh to do the tree work.

PECO has worked closely with Dave on these activities. PECO provided a list of diseased, dying or dead Ash trees that are of the highest risk to PECO electric facilities and need to be removed. These trees will be removed beginning in May.

Also, PECO is pruning tree branches within five or six feet of the primary electric distribution lines at the top of their electric poles.

PECO said there is list of the “Right Trees in the Right Place” on their web site to help people chose trees to plant near electric lines.

4. Tree Removal Permit Applications:

- (1) 93 Decatur Street, Mike Calhoun, Applicant. Two White Pines. *Approved* by a voice vote of the members present.
- (2) 125 Mechanic Street, Willow Tree Service, Applicant. One Ash. *Approved* by a

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voice vote.

- (3) 116 Kreutz Avenue, Daniel & Colleen Check, Applicant. One Sugar Maple. *Approved* by a voice vote.
- (4) 157 W. Ashland Street, Michael Steigerwald, Applicant. One Ash. *Approved* by a voice vote.
- (5) 504 Fonthill Drive, Fonthill Associates, Applicant. Twenty-four trees were topped and removed without a permit. *Hold*. No further work should be done until the Borough determines what action should be taken. Dave will follow up on this.
- (6) 211 Belmont Avenue, Jeff & Elizabeth Derham, Applicants. One Atlas Cedar. *Approved* by a voice vote.
- (7) 73 E. State Street, Jon Paton, Applicant. One Douglas Cedar. This tree was removed as emergency storm damage. *Approved*.
- (8) 117 E. Oakland Avenue, Lynn Goldman, Applicant. One Ash. *Approved* by a voice vote, with a recommendation to replace the tree.

5. Old Business and Reports:

- (1) Lantern Hill: A new date will be selected for the Shade Tree Commission site visit to look at the trees that may be removed.
- (2) Street Tree Planting: Dave reported that he has created a spread sheet with relevant information for street tree planting.
- (3) Arborist Report: Bob will present a report next month.
- (4) Arbor Day: To celebrate Arbor Day, the Borough will give away trees for planting by residents. Dave will send out an email to the Shade Tree Commission, Borough Council, and the Borough EAC asking for volunteers to work at the tree handout table at the Farmer's Market on Saturday April 29th.

6. New Business

- (1) Oak Tree at 168 E. Oakland Avenue: Denny Brown came the meeting to inform the Shade Tree Commission about activity related to trying to save the Oak Tree.
- (2) Borough Council requested information from the Shade Tree Commission on how to best get rid of vines covering shade trees. Bob will get some written information that can be used.

Approved

- (3) Karyn reported that a new Ordinance “Establishing General Powers and Duties of the Shade Tree Commission, Permit and Street Tree Application Requirements” was passed by Borough Council.

7. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Resek, Secretary