

**DOYLESTOWN BOROUGH
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
October 10, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Doylestown Borough Shade Tree Commission was held at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at Doylestown Borough Hall, 10 Doyle Street. Members of the Commission in attendance were: Lisa Moscherosch, Jean Weston, Chris May, and Baldev Lamba. Also in attendance were Borough Arborist, Bob McMullin, Building & Zoning Director, Karyn Hyland, Park and Recreation Director, Dave Burger, Councilwoman, Wendy Margolis, and applicant Pam Pensabene.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Minutes from the August and September meeting were approved by those in attendance. (May/Lamba)

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT: None

PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

342 E. Ashland Street

Commission approved the issuance of a permit for removal of 1 Ash with the recommendation to plant replacement trees. (Weston/Lamba)

Recommended Approval

541 Maple Avenue

Commission approved the issuance of a permit for removal of 1 Oak with the recommendation to plant replacement trees. (May/Moscherosch)

Recommended Approval

47 Pearl Drive

Commission approved the issuance of a permit for removal of 1 Sweet Gum with the recommendation to plant a replacement tree. (Moscherosch/Weston)

Recommended Approval

109 S. West Street

Commission approved the issuance of a permit for removal of the 1 Maple to the right side of driveway and recommended pruning the 1 maple to the left of driveway. (Lamba/May)

Recommended Approval for 1 Maple Tree Only

46 Bridge Street

Commission approved the issuance of a permit for removal of 1 English walnut and 1 Silver Maple. (May/Weston)

Recommended Approval

20 Easthill Drive

Commission approved the issuance of a permit for removal of 1 Ash, and 2 Maple. (Weston/Lamba)

Recommended Approval

15 Easthill Drive

Commission approved the issuance of a permit for removal of 1 Elm. (Weston/May)

Recommended Approval

192 N. Clinton Street

Commission approved the issuance of a permit for removal of 3 Hemlocks. (Weston/May)

Recommended Approval

200 E. State Street

Commission approved the issuance of a permit for removal of 1 Pear & 1 Holly.

(Moscherosch/May)

Recommended Approval

19 S. West Street

Commission approved the issuance of a permit for removal of 3 Spruce and 1 locust.

(Weston/Lamba)

Recommended Approval

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Moscherosch brought up a brief discussion in regard to Tree City USA. She would like to look into the benefits if Doylestown Borough were to become a member. Hyland stated that the Borough likely meets the requirements to qualify for membership but was concerned whether the Commission has the resources to prepare application and maintain the membership. Moscerosch will do more research and bring the information back to the Commission at a later date to discuss further.

Moscherosch inquired about how the tree planting would take place along East Court Street. Burger stated that he would give the Shade Tree Commission members stakes to mark where the red maple trees would be placed. Burger would give the members a setback distance from the curb and he would also update the Treekeeper once they are planted.

There was additional discussion in regard to the tree planting within Maplewood. Weston read a draft letter that she suggested she could put on a social media group for that neighborhood. Burger stated that once the draft is finalized it would require the Borough Manager's approval. Burger suggested that there is a possibility the Borough could create a D-works just for street tree planting. He will look into it and get back to the Commission.

Weston provided a tree species list that members of the Commission came up with at a separate meeting. Species were thoroughly discussed with suggestions from all members present along with Councilwoman Margolis. This list will be established at an upcoming meeting.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT: None

ARBORIST REPORT:

McMullin informed the Commission that he has been noticing rare diseases among different trees that he has not seen before.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM. (Weston/May)

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Murray

Next Shade Tree Meeting is on November 14, 2023