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

Meeting Date: Tuesday July 9, 2019

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

Meeting Attendance:

- *Shade Tree Commission:* Chris May, Judy Stratton, Jim Resek, Carter vanDyke, Baldev Lamba
- *Borough Arborist:* Bob McMullin
- *Borough Staff Liaison to STC:* Dave Burger
- *Director of Building and Zoning:* Karyn Hyland
- *Landscape Development Applicants:* not present
- *Permit Applicants:* Sandy Sinn (property owner 406 W.Oakland), Helene Mathern (property owner 345 Linden Avenue), Amanda Owen (neighbor to 345 Linden Avenue), Susan Williams (neighbor to 154 E. Oakland Avenue), Nancy Gondak (property owner 526 E. Court Street)
- *Others:* None

Meeting Discussions:

1) Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The minutes for the June 11, 2019 meeting were approved by a voice vote.

2) Subdivision Plans and Land Development Waiver Applications:

- a) 498 N. Main St. – Starbucks – LD Waiver

The Starbucks drive thru lane is being reconfigured to improve traffic flow. Parking spaces are also being altered. The Shade Tree Commission recommends including a green space and tree, if possible. Chris will draft a memo with the recommendation and send it to Karyn.

3) Tree Removal Permit Applications: The following permit applications were submitted to the Commission for approval.

- 1) 2 Juniper Drive - Susan Vanatta, Property Owners. Removal of two Honey Locusts were **approved** by a voice vote.
- 2) 129 McConnell Street – Betty Taritero, Property Owner. Removal of one Norway Maple was **approved** by a voice vote.
- 3) 526 E. Court Street – Mary & Joe Trout, Property Owner. Removal of one Ash, one Silver Maple, two Spruce, and one Atlas Cedar (added to permit request) were **approved** by a voice vote.
- 4) 528 E. Court Street – Nancy Gondak, Property Owner. Removal of two Honey Locusts was **approved**; however, the Commission recommended pruning the tree rather than removal, by a voice vote.

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- 5) 406 W. Oakland Avenue – Keith & Sandy Sinn, Property Owner. Removal of one Red Oak (bacterial leaf scorch) and one Norway Maple were **approved** by a voice vote.
- 6) 14 Chestnut Drive – Michael Wachter, Property Owner. Removal of six White Pines were **put on Hold**, until Chris can talk to the owners and make a recommendation, by a voice vote.
- 7) 400 N. Main Street (Doylestown Shopping Center) – Charles Spires, Property Owner. Removal of five Red Maples and a requirement to plant replacement trees were **approved** by a voice vote.
- 8) 5 Kershaw Avenue – C. Cianciaruvo, Property Owner. Removal of one Blue Spruce was **approved** by a voice vote.
- 9) 154 E. Oakland Avenue – Francis Stubbs, Property Owner. Removal of one Red Oak was **approved** by a voice vote.
- 10) 2 Orchard Lane – Jesse Roy & Landy Toth, Property Owners. Removal of one White Ash was **approved** by a voice vote.
- 11) 4 Orchard Lane – Kenneth Kugal, Property Owner. Removal of one White Ash was **approved** by a voice vote.
- 12) 6 Orchard Lane – Matthew Sanson, Property Owner. Removal of one White Ash was **approved** by a voice vote.
- 13) 60 Bennett Drive – Rick Cline, Property Owner. Removal of two Blue Spruce were **approved** by a voice vote.
- 14) 112 Mary Street – Conrad Steinmann, Property Owner. Removal of the large healthy Ash close to the house was **denied** and removal of smaller Ash was **approved** by a voice vote.
- 15) 145 Selner Lane – Lisa Vargo for Allison Court Apartments, Board Member. Removal of one Ash with requirement to plant a replacement tree was **approved** by a voice vote.
- 16) 330 Spruce Street – Mary Scantlebury, Property Owner. Permit did not provide sufficient information about what was being requested and was **denied** by a voice vote.
- 17) 60 Clemens Road – Fred & Rosemary Porter, Property Owners. Property Owner. One Japanese Maple and one White Fir were recommended to keep and maintain but were also **approved** for removal if the owner chooses to do that, by a voice vote.
- 18) 52 Stacey Drive - Claire Lightkep, Property Owner. Removal of two Ash were **approved** by a voice vote. Also a dead Norway Spruce was **approved** for removal.
- 19) 345 and 355 Linden Avenue – Helen and Gary Mathern, Property Owner. Two Ash and two White Pine were recommended to keep and maintain but were also **approved** for removal if the owner chooses to do that, by a voice vote.

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4) **Old Business and Reports:**

a) **Tree Planting:**

- i) Seven new trees were planted in Burpee Park, E Oakland Ave side. Replanting after silver maples removed
- ii) Decatur Street: Still on list. Green Mountain Maples suggested.

b) **Storm Damaged Trees:** Sparks shredded 1100 cu yds at cost \$2500. They did 12 tractor truckloads in 10 hours.

c) **Storm Clean Up:** *272 Court Street. Removed sugar maple damaged by storm.*

d) **Arborist's Report:** Bob presented the report of the month's activities..

e) **Spotted Lantern Fly Presentation:** The presentation was June 26th at Borough Hall. Eight to ten people attended. The Borough will be spraying Chapman Park .

5) **New Business:** None

6) **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Resek, Secretary

Including notes from Judith Stratton