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## Borough of Doylestown Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

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**Meeting Date:** Tuesday April 13, 2021

**Location and Time:** Zoom call, 6:30 PM

**Attendance:**

**Shade Tree Commission:** Judith Stratton, Baldev Lamba, Jim Resek

**Borough Arborist:** not present

**Borough Staff Liaison:** Dave Burger

**Director of Building and Zoning:** Karyn Hyland,

**Land Development Applicants:** None

**Tree Removal Permit Applicants:** Anna & Ian Kiernan (17 East Hill Drive), Siobhan LaCreta (87 East Street), Collette Bannan (39 W. State Street), Michelle Davis (239 Hillcrest Drive), Keith & Maureen Mandelbaum (412 Lincoln Avenue, Jay (Zach) Ziegenfuss (417 E. State Street)

**Others:** Ron Strauss (Mayor), Wendy Margplis (Borough Council)

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**Call to Order:** The Chair was absent and Judith, the Vice Chair, called the meeting to order.

**Approval of minutes :** The Minutes of the March 9, 2021 meeting were approved with several minor corrections.

**Subdivision/Land Development:** None

**Tree Removal Permit Applications:**

1. 169 N. Broad Street, John Ortendahl, Property Owner
  - One Red Oak was **Approved**.
2. 17 Easthill Drive, Ian Kiernan, Property Owner
  - One Deoder Cedar was **Approved**.

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3. 711 N. Chubb Drive, Jon Cousin, Property Owner
  - One Japanese Maple was **Approved**.
4. 145 Bunker Street, Ann Marie Holowathy, Property Owner
  - One Shadblow Serviceberry was **Approved**.
5. 87 East Street, Siobhan & Frank LaCreta, Property Owners
  - One Pin Oak was **Approved**.
6. 39 W. State Street, Mary Catz, Property Owner
  - One Catalpa was **Approved**.
7. 3 School Hill Drive, Kathy McCafferty, Property Owner
  - One Silver Maple was **Approved**.
8. 171 Belmont Avenue, Jean Pierre Gagnon, Property Owner
  - One Cryptomeria (Japanese Cedar) was **Approved**.
9. 239 Hillcrest Drive, Michael Davis, Property Owner
  - One Maple was **Approved**.

### **Old/New Business:**

1. **Late Permit Applications:** The following permit applications were not in the original meeting packet and were provided, in the afternoon before the meeting.
  - (1) 412 Lincoln Avenue, Keith and Maureen Mandelbaum, Property Owners
    - One Maple and four Oaks were **Approved**.
  - (2) 417 East State Street, Min Kang, Property Owner
    - One Eastern Red Oak was **Approved**.
  - (3) 480 Maple Avenue, Zachery and Laura Law, Property Owners
    - One Red Oak, **Hold**.
    - Laura asked the Shade Tree Commission if they would look at their Red Oak tree and determine the condition before she and her husband start a new construction project in the yard close to the tree. If the tree is in good health they would like to keep it; however if it is not they would like to remove it before the project begins (probably in August).
    - The Laws had made a permit request for this tree in 2117. Chris and several members of the Commission looked at the tree at that time and suggested the Lows monitor the health of the tree and if it appears to decline to contact the Commission to discuss possible removal..
    - Chris and any other members who are available will check the condition of the tree and make a recommendation to the Lows.

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### **2. Planting List for Residents:**

- At last month's meeting, the Commission was asked to review the new proposed list. Chris had suggested we identify the outliers.
- Our review comments were not consistent. Carter and Jim identified one outlier tree on their parts of the list, which did not look like a good Borough yard tree, Judy and Baldev gave specific comments on every tree or plant in their parts of the list. Wendy suggested listing links to one or more sources that provided information on individual species.
- A possible solution could be to provide the list with no specific comments on individual trees or plants, but provide links to sites that provide guidance on individual species.
- Baldev agreed to contact Wendy and Chris to prepare a suggested solution to the planting list for residents that can be discussed by the Commission at the next meeting.

### **3. Arbor Day**

- Karyn reported the Borough would have an Arbor Day Tree Giveaway at the Farmers' Market on Saturday April 30th. She has emailed a link to a signup for volunteers to give out the trees.
- Dave reported we have White Flowering Dogwoods and Redbuds that have been kept from last year's cancelled event. If needed he will purchase some additional trees so there are approximately 200 trees to give away.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Resek, Secretary