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

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**Meeting Date:** Tuesday March 9, 2021

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

**Attendance:**

**Shade Tree Commission:** Chris May, Jim Resek, Judy Stratton, Baldev Lamba, Carter van Dyke

**Borough Arborist:** not present

**Borough Staff Liaison:** Dave Burger

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

**Land Development Applicants:** Karen Hyland representing Doylestown Borough for Shady Retreat Road Land Development

**Tree Removal Permit Applicants:** Michael and Robin Daher (184 Lafayette Street), John Martino (192 Lafayette Street), Darlene Sellers (representing 116 Court Street).

**Others:** Ron Strouse (Mayor), Jack O'Brien and Noni West (Borough Council)

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**Approval of minutes :** The Minutes of the February 9, 2021 meeting were approved as drafted.

**Subdivision/Land Development:**

Harvey Avenue / Shady Retreat Road Land Development  
SDLD#202; Applicant: Doylestown Borough, John Davis, Borough  
Manager :

Karyn presented the Borough plans to subdivide an existing approximate 12.5 acre wooded lot that is owned by the Borough into four lots. They plan to subdivide approximately

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1.3 acres of the existing lot on Shady Retreat Road into three lots, that they could sell. The remaining lot of approximately 11.2 acres would be a flag lot with access to Shady Retreat Road.

After a lengthy discussion the Shade Tree Commission recommended any approval of the subdivision by Borough Council include the following conditions:

1. That future design and layout of the development be sensitive to preservation of existing trees and that said future development be presented to the Shade Tree Commission for review at the time of application.
2. That the portion of the site to the east of the gas main be considered for preservation.

### **Tree Removal Permit Applications:**

1. 116 E. Court Street, Tom Panzer, Property Owner
  - One Sugar Maple was **Approved**.
2. 192 Lafayette Street, John & Martino, Property Owners
  - One Blue Spruce was **Approved**.
3. 132 N. Main Street, James Lorah House, Business
  - One Sugar Maple was **Approved**.
4. 184 Lafayette Street, Michael and Robin Daher, Property Owner
  - Two Blue Spruce and one White Pine were **Approved**; *however the property owners were advised to have their builder **protect the Hickory and American Holly** next to the driveway when they do their house renovations.*
5. 342 Green Street, John Munshower, Property Owner
  - Two White Pines were **Approved**.
6. 17 McLaughlin Drive, Daniel Simons, Property Owner
  - One Norway Spruce, one Blue Spruce, two Cherry, one Dogwood, one Red Maple were **Approved**.

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

1. Planting List for Resident Guide; Karyn reported the Planting List being used for Subdivision and New Development will replace the current

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recommended Resident Tree List. This had been discussed at last months Shade Tree Commission meeting.

Karyn said Borough Council has asked the Shade Tree Commission to review the list and make comments. Baldev and Jim commented it was not clear what information could be added. Chris said we should comment on what he called "outliers". He suggested the list be divided up as follows: Judy should take the Perennials, Baldev should take the Evergreens, Carter and Jim should work together on the Deciduous trees (Large Shade Trees and Small to Medium Shade Trees), and Chris would take the others and coordinate the work.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Resek, Secretary