

Borough of Doylestown

Shade Tree Commission

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday January 12, 2021

Location and Time: Zoom call, 6:30 PM

Attendance:

Shade Tree Commission: Chris May, Jim Resek, Judy Stratton

Borough Arborist: not present

Borough Staff Liaison: Dave Burger

Director of Building and Zoning: Karyn Hyland,

Land Development Applicants: Kevin Kessner, Don Tracy, Daniel Hayes, David Della Porte for 333 N. Broad Street (former Intelligencer site)

Tree Removal Permit Applicants: Gary Kindle (437 Linden, property owner), Nick Caramenico (216 Union Street, property owner)

Others: Danielle Sproehle (Fonthill Apartments, property manager), Ron Strouse (Mayor), Wendy Margolis (Borough Council)

Approval of minutes : The Minutes of the December 8, 2020 meeting were approved as drafted.

Subdivision/Land Development:

1. 333 N. Broad Street, former Intelligencer building site (Van Cleef Engineering Associates LLC for Calkins Media) - Kevin Kessner, the landscape architect for the project, presented a revised landscape and tree plan for the project that incorporated changes suggested by the Shade Tree Commission at the December meeting and were described in notes prepared by Chris. Kevin said he was able to incorporate the

changes while continuing to meet the ordinance requirements. He felt this was an improved landscape and tree plan and the Shade Tree Commission agreed.

Tree Removal Permit Applications:

1. 437 Linden Avenue, Gary Kindle, Property Owner.
Two Holly trees were **Approved**.
2. 73 Harvey Avenue, Steve Sullivan, Property Owner.
One Norway Maple was **Approved**.
3. 187 Union Street, Joe Modestine, Property Owner.
Four Norway Maples were **Approved**.
4. 43 Clemons Road, James Young, Property Owner.
One Blue Spruce and one Norway Maple were **Approved**.
5. 363 N. Main Street, L&M Orthodontics, Property Owner
One Ash and one Norway Maple were **Approved**.
6. 216 Union Street, Nick Caramenico, Property Owner.
Plan to remove all existing plantings comprised of ten or more trees including three Arborvitae, one Flowering Plum, one Blue Spruce, one Japanese Hybrid Holly, and replaced with new trees, shrubs, and plantings was **Approved with exception of the Arborvitae by the garage which should be kept and maintained**.
7. 30 S. Main Street, Nicholas Molloy, Property Owner.
Two Arborvitae were put on **Hold pending discussion with property owner**. These are healthy and would be difficult to replace.
8. 14 Pearl Drive, Noel Byrne, Property Owner.
One Scotch Pine was **Approved**.

Old/New Business:

1. Fonthill Apartments Tree Planting

The Shade Tree Commission asked Danielle Sproehle, the property manager, if they could replace some of the many trees that have been removed over the past year with some large canopy trees. Danielle said that the corporate owner of the apartment complex has spent a lot on improvements to the property since they purchased it several years ago and she would talk with them about planting more large canopy trees to replace some of the trees that have been removed.

2. Tree Inventory & Tree Keeper Application Management Tool

Dave described the tree inventory and the Tree Keeper Application.

The tree inventory was done by Davey Tree company consultants. It includes all the Borough trees within the roads and streets right of way. These are trees that are maintained by the Borough and have been referred to by the Shade Tree Commission as “street trees”.

The Tree Keeper Application was purchased by the Borough and populated by Davey Tree consultants with the trees they inventoried. The Borough Public Works Department will maintain this tree inventory and use it to create a record of work done on each tree including: pruning or other maintenance, removals, and status including tree condition, stumps that need to be removed, and sites available for new trees. Heritage Trees have a special designation.

A general high level view of trees, with information about location and species will be available for public viewing by anyone.

3. 2021 Reorganization.

Chris was re-elected Chairman, Jim was re-elected Secretary, and Judy was elected Vice Chairwoman.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Resek, Secretary