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Borough of Doylestown Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday June 8, 2021

Location and Time: Zoom meeting, 6:30 PM

Attendance:

Shade Tree Commission: Chris May, Judith Stratton, Carter van Dyke, Jim Resek, Brooke Wasserman (student member), Baldev Lamba

Borough Arborist: Bob McMullin

Borough Staff Liaison: Dave Burger

Director of Building and Zoning: Karyn Hyland,

Land Development Applicants: Kristin Holmes (339 S. Main St., People Bank LD Waiver, former Wawa site)

Tree Removal Permit Applicants: Leo McHugh (57 Hillside Ave., property owner), John O'Brien (4 Hillcrest, property owner), Amu and Dana Barnett (466 Maple Ave, property owners)

Others: Michael Frank (56 S. Hamilton), Wendy Margolis (Borough Council)

Call to Order: Chris called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Approval of minutes : The Minutes of the May 11, 2021 meeting were approved.

Subdivision/Land Development:

1. 339 S. Main Street, People Bank, LD (former Wawa store site)

The existing building, which had been a Wawa market, will be removed and a new two story bank building will be constructed. Kristin Holmes described the plans of her client, People Bank, for the trees and landscaping of the property. Two trees will remain in the corners of the site. The Commission suggested, during

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construction protective fencing be put around trees that will remain. A new columnar shaped tree will be planted and a suggestion was made by the Commission to slope the area around this tree toward the tree to collect water for the tree. The fence and the vegetation at the back of the site was discussed. It was noted that there is bamboo in this vegetation which should be removed. A fence and trees and/ or shrubs should be used at the back of the property to shield the properties behind the bank.

Chris will draft a memo summarizing the Commission's recommendations.

2. 188 N. Main Street, Dementia Society, LD Waiver

A new garage will be built on the back of the Dementia Society building. A pair of trees needs to be removed to make room for the garage.

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Tree Removal Permit Applications:

1. 31 Golfview Road, Helen Duffner, Property Owner
 - Two Cedars, three Maples, and one Norway Maple were **Approved**.
2. 4 Hillcrest Circle, John O'Brien, Property Owner
 - One Aristocrat Pear was **Approved**.
3. 466 Maple Avenue, Amy & Dana Barnett, Property Owner
 - One Red Maple and one Mulberry were **Approved**.
4. 57 Hillside Avenue, Leo McHugh, Property Owner
 - One Red Maple and one Norway Maple were **Approved**.
5. 24 East Street, Bonnie White, Property Owner
 - One Ash, one Hemlock, one Mulberry, and two Arborvitae were **Approved**.

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6. 155 E. Oakland Avenue, Don Morel, Property Owner
 - One Ash and one Red Oak were ***Approved***.
7. 148 E. State Street, Don Morel, Property Owner
 - One Red Oak was ***Approved***.
8. 212 Murray Drive, Robert & Suzanne Dunleavy, Property Owners
 - One Black Cherry and one Eastern White Pine were ***Approved***.
9. 90 E. Swamp Road, Amy Coyle, Property Owner
 - One Ash was ***Approved***.

Old/New Business:

1. Planting List for Residents:

- The Commission agreed to Wendy suggested wording and links for the Borough website which were the following:

Trees are a natural resource and improve air quality, lower air temperature, reduce stormwater runoff, raise property values, and contribute to the aesthetics of neighborhoods within the Borough of Doylestown. The Borough of Doylestown encourages the planting of trees, and particularly native trees, on properties within Doylestown Borough.

Planting Trees

Information about native trees and plants, including their uses in landscaping and optimal conditions for their success, can be found at the following links:

Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve

<https://bhwp.org/grow/garden-with-natives/right-plant-right-place/>

PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

<http://elibrary.dcnr.pa.gov/GetDocument?docId=1743796&DocName=Landscaping%20with%20Native%20Plants.pdf>

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PA Native Plant Society

<http://www.panativeplantsociety.org/plant-information-and-landscaping.html>

Link to the Land Dev & Subdivision Ordinance?

In addition, the Borough Shade Tree Commission has professional nursery staff, tree experts, and landscape architects available to assist property owners in making informed choices about the trees on their property.

2. Maple Tree Advice - 56 S. Franklin St.

Michael Frank wrote a letter to the Commission asking for advice on a Norway Maple behind his house. The tree has lost several large limbs and he was asking what could be done to save the tree. Chris and Bob said that the limbs could be removed to improve the shape of the tree. Cabling was not recommended.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Resek, Secretary