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Borough of Doylestown Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday September 14, 2021

Location and Time: Borough Hall, 6:30 PM

Attendance:

Shade Tree Commission: Judith Stratton, Baldev Lamba, Jim Resek, Brooke Wasserman (Student Member)

Borough Arborist: Bob McMullin

Borough Staff Liaison: Karyn Hyland (for Dave Burger)

Director of Building and Zoning: Karyn Hyland,

Land Development Applicants: None

Tree Removal Permit Applicants: David Mackin (designer for 205 N. Franklin St.), Todd Janney (796 S. Chubb Drive),

Others: Lois Updike (132 W. Oakland), Wendy Margolis (Borough Council)

Call to Order: Vice Chair Judith Stratton called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the August 19, 2021 meeting were approved.

Subdivision and Land Development: None.

Tree Removal Permit Applications:

1. 189 S. Main Street, Celina Doucette, Property Owner. Three Maples. Were was **Approved**, one Sugar Maple and one Norway Maple was **Denied**.
2. 27 Belmont Square, Clarke Billie, Property Owner. One Black Walnut was **Approved**.

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3. 12 Meadow Lane, Doug & Catherine Yedinak, Property Owners. One Black Gum was ***Denied***. The tree should be treated for carpenter ants.
4. 545 Maple Avenue, Joanne Schade, Property Owner. One Kawanzan Cherry was ***Approved***.
5. 796 S. Chubb Drive, BARC Developmental, Property Owner. The following trees were ***Approved subject to a site inspection and approval of the Beech and Holly by Bob McMullin:***
Two Ash, seven Spruce, two Dogwood, one Cherry, two Red Maple, one Norway Maple, one Holly, one Beech, and one Buckeye.
6. 82 E. Swamp Road, Pragmatic Properties LLC, Property Owner. One Norway Spruce and one Black Spruce were ***Approved***.
7. 250 Hillendale Drive, Daniel Carchedi, Property Owner. One Pin Oak was ***Approved***.
8. 375 Union Street, John Dominic, Property Owner. One English Walnut was ***Approved***.
9. 205 N. Franklin Street, Richard Miller, Property Owner. One Blue Spruce and two Arborvitae were ***Approved***.
10. 10 Rohr Drive, Andrew Burrows, Property Owner. One Dawn Redwood, was ***Denied..***
11. 278 W. Oakland Aveue, Kurt Kremser, Property Owner One Birch and one Holly was ***Approved***.
12. 29 Belmont Square, Joseph Colasante, Property Owner. Two Ash were ***Approved***.
13. 49 Belmont Square, Charles Ott, Property Owner. One Sycamore was ***Denied***.
14. 8 Scott Road, Steve & Kenann Kelly, One Hickory was ***Approved***.

Old/New Business and Reports:

1. **Street Trees:** Lois Updike, the property owner of 132 W. Oakland Avenue (the corner of W. Oakland Avenue and Franklin Street), attended the meeting to make the following comment. A number of years ago

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Doylestown Borough planted four street trees (one Red Oak, two Red Maples, and one Autumn Purple Ash) on her family's property along W. Oakland Avenue and Franklin Street. On the W. Oakland Avenue side there is a strip of lawn between the sidewalk and the street curb; however the tree was planted on the other side of the sidewalk. On the Franklin Street side the sidewalk is adjacent to the street curb and there is no lawn between the sidewalk and curb, so the trees were planted on the lawn on the other side of the sidewalk. She has recently learned the Borough will not maintain these trees and she believes the Borough did not make it known that they had made a change to the responsibility for the maintenance of street trees.

(Post Meeting Clarification: At the time these trees were planted there was no formal definition of "Street Tree" in the Doylestown Borough Code. The current Code contains the following definition of "Street Tree".

A shade tree in the ROW (Right Of Way) in the Borough that meets one of the following criteria: A. Its trunk is located on the tree lawn between an existing public sidewalk and the cartway pavement edge and/or curb; or B. If no sidewalk is present, and its trunk is located between a private fence, wall, or landscaped bed, and the cartway road edge and/or curb, and entirely within the road right-of-way; or C. If no sidewalk, fence, wall, or landscaped bed is present, then the tree trunk is located entirely within the ROW.)

2. **Tree Contractors Licenses:** Bob commented many of the contractors taking down trees in the Borough and listed on applicants permit requests do not have the license required by Pennsylvania to take down trees, which is a remodelers license. He believes without the proper license they may not have proper insurance and the home owner or maybe the Borough could be liable.

Karyn will check on this with the Borough Solicitor.

3. **Tree at 225 Doyle Street:** Bob reported there is an Oak tree that was exposed when the house on this property was removed. It is a potential hazard and he recommended it be removed.

Adjourn: 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted, Jim Resek, Secretary