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## Borough of Doylestown Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

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**Meeting Date:** Tuesday March 8, 2022

**Location and Time:** Borough Hall, 10 Doyle Street, 6:30 PM

**Attendance:**

Shade Tree Commission: Judith Stratton, Jim Resek, Baldev Lamba, Carter van Dyke and Brooke Wasserman (Student member).

Borough Arborist: Bob McMullin

Borough Staff Liaison: Dave Burger

Director of Building and Zoning: Karyn Hyland

Subdivision and Land Development Applicants: None

Tree Removal Permit Applicants: Stephen Dubie (349 Penn Street)

Others: Wendy Margolis (Borough Council)

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**Call to Order:** Judith called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

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**Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of the February 8, 2022 meeting was *Approved*.

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**Subdivision and Land Development:** 50 N. Main Street, Amended SDLD Worth and Worth LP, Property Owner

Karyn explained this is an Amended application for a Subdivision and Land Development that was previously approved.

The Shade Tree Commission discussed the Street Trees shown on the plans submitted with the application. Several members said the planned Street Trees on Shewell Avenue were too far apart and there should be more trees. They also said a different species should be used. Carter made a motion to recommend five street trees on the Shewell Avenue side of the building and space them 30 feet apart. (Same as the STC's original recommendation.) Dave commented there may be conflicts with under ground utility services. The Commission agreed the number and spacing of trees could be modified subject to underground utility conflicts. The motion also suggested the species be changed to Red Maple. The motion was passed. (Post-meeting note: Carter was asked to draft the recommendations.) Karyn commented the Shade Tree Commission recommendations should be limited to the Amended application. She will discuss this with the Borough Solicitor.

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

1. 349 Penn Street, Stephen Dubiel, Property Owner, two Maples, ***Approved.***
2. 215 E. Court Street, Doylestown Cemetery, Property Owner, five trees (one Sugar Maple, one Beech and three Pin Oak), ***Approved.***

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### **Old/New Business and Reports:**

1. **Arborist Report:** Bob had submitted a report to Dave. Bob said based on Bob's report, he will report next month on removal and replacement of one or two trees in front of Borough Hall that are in poor condition.
2. **Arbor Day Trees:** Dave reported he is still looking for suppliers for the Arbor Day Tree Give-away. He plans to purchase a total of 100 bare root trees. The species were discussed were Red Cedar, Fringe Tree, or Coffee Tree. The trees that will be purchased will be based on availability. In the past, the trees were placed in plastic bags when they were handed out. The Borough will investigate other options which could be recycled.
3. **Borough Park at Doylestown Historic Society Park:** Carter said he recently met with the Historic Society and they desired making changes to the park landscape. Karyn said the Historic Society needs ask John Davis to schedule a meeting with the Borough.
4. **Spotted Lantern Fly:** Carter asked Bob what is forecast for Spotted Lantern Fly infestation this year. Bob said, based on what they have seen so far, he is not expecting major Spotted Lantern Fly problems.
5. **Ash Trees Study:** Bob said Penn State reported a project is underway to plant Ash trees in an area where previously infested trees had previously been removed. They are testing to determine if Ash trees are subject to herd immunity and the replanting will result in healthy Ash trees.

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**Adjourn:** 7:31 PM

Respectfully submitted, Jim Resek, Secretary

Next Shade Tree Commission Meeting is Tuesday, March 8, 2022.