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Borough of Doylestown Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday April,12, 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 and Beth Duran for 33 Pearl Drive and Nicholas Gray for 211 E. Oakland Avenue.

Others: Noni West (Mayor), Wendy Margolis (Borough Council), Jack O'Brien (Borough Council)

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

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

Subdivision and Land Development: None

Tree Removal Permit Applications:

1. 521 Maple Avenue, Charles Fasano, Property Owner. (1) Black Wanut, **Approved.**
2. Shady Retreat Lot 1, Pecan Properties, LLC, Property Owner, 28 trees total, (2) Beech, (5) Maple and (21) Oak; 532 caliper inches total. **Approved and request trees be planted at front of property (outside right way).**
3. Shady Retreat Lot 2, Doyle Woods LLC, Property Owner, 33 trees total, (11) Beech, (5) Cherry, (4) Maple, and (13) Oak; 533 caliper inches total. **Approved and request trees be planted at front of property (outside right way).**
4. Shady Retreat Lot 3, Pecan Properties, LLC, Property Owner, 47 trees total, (6) Beech, (2) Cherry, (6) Maple, and (33) Oak; 917 caliper inches total. **Approved and request trees be planted at front of property (outside right way).**

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5. 160 Selner Lane, W Bradley Hearn, Property Owner, (1) Ash. **Approved.**
6. 24 Pearl Drive, Barbara Smith, Property Owner, (1) Sweet Gum. **Approved.**
7. 21 W. Ashland Street, Andrew Stoll, Property Owner, (1) Slippery Elm. **Approved.**
8. 191 Belmont Avenue, Matthew & Gina Kelly, Property Owners; (1) Pine. **Approved and request a new tree be planted.**
9. 211 E. Oakland Avenue, Nicholas Gray, Property Owner; (1) Black Walnut. **Approved** (*Carter recused himself from the vote on approval*).
10. 12 Edison Lane, Lantern Hill Properties, Property Owner; (2) BlackWalnuts, (1) White Pine. **Approved.**
11. 433 Belmont Avenue, Louis Huy, Property Owner; (1) Maple. **Approved.**
12. 16 Golfview Road, David Ricci & Alyssa White, Property Owners: (1)Black Walnut and (1) Silver Maple. **Approved.**
13. 33 Pearl Drive, Stephen Durkin, Property Owner. (1) Gum and (1) Maple. **Approved.**

Old/New Business and Reports:

1. **Arborist Report:** Bob reported the following

There are several large trees on private property that are safety hazards. He will identify them to the Borough and they can notify property owners.

Spotted Lantern Fly egg masses have not been found in the Doyelstown area but they have been found in the Newtown-Yardley area and the Spotted Lantern Flies could spread to the Doylestown area.

Bacterial Leaf Scorch on Red Oaks and Pin Oaks is a significant problem in Doylestown.

Emerald Ash Borer damage in the Borough should decline because many infested Ash trees have been removed and many healthy Ash trees are being treated.

Other tree and plant issues include the Boxwood Leafminer and Joro Spiders.

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2. Arbor Day Tree Giveaway:

The Arbor Day tree giveaway is scheduled for Saturday April 30th. Dave reported the trees will be Red Cedar (50), Horn Beam (25), and Red Sunset Maple.

Additional trees were also purchased for the dedication of the new Broad Street Park.

Dave requested the Shade Tree Commission provide suggested species for the 2023 Arbor Day Giveaway at the next meeting so he can place his order early before many species are sold out.

3. Development of new Borough Comprehensive Plan:

Karyn reported the current Doylestown Borough Comprehensive Plan is old (1990's) and needs to be replaced with a new one. The Borough Planning Commission with guidance from the Bucks County Planning Commission will lead the development of the new plan. Several Borough Commissions and Boards, including the Shade Tree Commission have been asked to appoint a member to represent them for this work. There will be monthly meetings with the Planning Commission and the other Commission and Board representatives.

At next month's Shade Tree Commission meeting, our representative for the Comprehensive Plan development will be selected.

Adjourn: 7:57 PM

Respectfully submitted, Jim Resek, Secretary

Next Shade Tree Commission Meeting is Tuesday, May 9, 2022.