

Borough of Doylestown

Shade Tree Commission

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday September 15, 2020

Location and Time: Zoom call, 6;30 PM

Attendance:

Shade Tree Commission: Chris May, Jim Resek, Carter VanDyke, Baldev Lamba

Borough Arborist: Bob McMullin

Borough Staff Liaison: Dave Burger

Director of Building and Zoning: Karyn Hyland (until ...)

Land Development Applicants: Travis North (Bohler Engineering Landscape Architect for 318 N. Main Street (Dairy Queen Site) Phase II), Adam Goodman (Developer for 318 N. Main Street)

Tree Removal Permit Applicants: Kurt Holder (425 Linden Ave.), Daniel Carchedi (250 Hillendale Drive), Vic and Cherie Navarro (416 E. Court Street)

Others: None

Meeting Discussions:

Approval of minutes :

1. Minutes of the March 10, 2020 meeting were approved as drafted.

Subdivision/Land Development:

318 N. Main Street (Dairy Queen Site), 318 N. Main Street Realty Associates, LLC. Land Development Phase 2.

Phase 1 of this project was previously approved. The Phase 2 Development Plan prepared by Bohler Engineering and Tree Removal Inventory spreadsheet was explained by Travis North. The spreadsheet includes all tagged trees on the site. It identifies species, caliper, condition (Healthy, Decline (generally less than 50% canopy), Dead, or Removed), Exclusion from Phase 2 Replacement Calculation, and Caliper to be Replaced. There trees are predominately Maple, Oak, and Ash (many of which are in decline or dead). Other trees on the site are Cherry, Zelkova, Walnut, and Hickory.

Following questions and answers about the trees and the plan the following two motions were made and **Approved**.

1. Replacement Trees

The Bohler Engineering Tree Inventory Spreadsheet showed *Healthy* canopy to be removed: 1416" DBH; Number of 3" caliper trees required as replacement: 472

The Commision **approved** a motion to accept Bohler Engineering's figures shown on the spreadsheet for Healthy canopy to be included in the ordinance assessment for replacement caliper.

2. Landscape plan plant list

The proposed plant list conforms to the Borough's native ordinance for land development landscape plans.

The Commision **approved** a motion recommending changes to two of the plants on the landscape plan: *Picea glauca* & *Picea pungens*. These two species do not do well in the Borough. White & Blue Spruce have difficulty adapting to PA hot summers and mild winters. Suggestions made by the commission include: *Juniperus virginiana*, *Ilex opaca*, *Magnolia grandiflora* 'Little Gem', *Tsuga canadensis* (potentially) on the Southern side of the

plan for minimizing reflected heat from the parking lot, & increasing Thuja already listed in the plan. Our native red cedar (Juniperus v.) could account for a significant amount of replacement for the two species deemed troublesome in Borough plantings.

Tree Removal Permit Applications:

1. 416 E. Court Street, Vic & Cherie Navarro, Property Owner - One Red Oak - **Approved.**
2. 425 Linden Avenue, Kurt Holderer, Property Owner - Five Leland Cypress. The owner plans to plant replacement trees. **Approved.**
3. 392 W. Oakland Avenue, Todd Morris, Property Owner. - One Red Oak. **Approved.**
4. 299 Maple Avenue, Sara Webster, Property Owner - Two Pin Oak. **Approved.**
5. 371 Linden Avenue, Robert Kienzle, Property Owner. One Norway Maple, one evergreen, one Norway Spruce. **Approved.**
6. 225 N. West Street, Marcia Telthorster, Property Owner. One Willow. **Approved.**
7. 250 Hillendale Drive, Daniel Carchedi, Property Owner. One Redbud. **Approved.**
8. 375 Penn Street, Bette Lou Constantine, Property Owner. One Mulberry. **Approved.**
9. 12 Meadow Lane, Douglas Yedinak, Property Owner. One Red Oak. **Approved.**

10. 344 W. Court Street, Donald & Kristina Lankford, Property Owners.
Two Ash, one Pin Oak, two Sycamore Maple, one Tulip Poplar.

Approved.

11. 216 S. Main Street, Tom Evangelista, Property Owner. One
Mulberry, one pine, two Black Walnuts. **Approved.**

Old/New Business:

1. None.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Resek, Secretary