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Borough of Doylestown Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday February 8, 2022

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

Attendance:

Shade Tree Commission: Chris May, Judith Stratton, Jim Resek, Baldev Lamba, and Carter van Dyke.

Borough Arborist: Bob McMullin

Borough Staff Liaison: Dave Burger

Director of Building and Zoning: Karyn Hyland

Land Development Applicants: Donna Modestine and Eric Claycomb for 187 Union Street subdivision trees.

Tree Removal Permit Applicants: Ashley Butler for 498 East Street

Others: Wendy Margolis (Borough Council)

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

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the December 12, 2021 and January 11, 2022 meetings were both **Approved**.

Subdivision and Land Development: 187 Union Street Subdivision Landscape Plan (#21-10054).

The subdivision tree approval for the 187 Union Street Subdivision at a previous Shade Tree Commission meeting included a requirement to plant two new trees to replace trees being removed.. The new trees included a Black Gum tree at one location and a Serviceberry tree at another location. The applicant requested a change of species for the Serviceberry because they thought berries from the tree next to a planned driveway would be messy. During the discussion of possible species, the applicant requested delaying the choice of the second tree until a later time when the site had been further developed. The Shade Tree Commission agreed the selection of species could be delayed.

Tree Removal Permit Applications:

1. 498 East Street, Mike & Ashley Butler, Property Owners, one Chinese Chestnut. **Approved**.

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2. Sandy Ridge Drive, HOA, Property Owner, eight Ashes. ***Approved.***
 3. 327 E. Ashland Street, Jakub Simon & Denise Kozikowski, two Wild Cherries, one Pin Oak. ***Approved.***
 4. 172 E. Court Street, Rich Giannini, Property Owner, one Pear. ***Approved.***
 5. 387 Lincoln Avenue, Lois McClintock, Property Owner, one Norway Maple. ***Approved.***
 6. 328 Doyle Street, Christie Murphy, Property Owner, one Silver Maple. ***Approved.***
 7. 261 W. Court Street, Hardeep Rai, Property Owner, one Norway Maple. ***Approved.***
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Old/New Business and Reports:

1. **Waiver Requests from the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance:** Wendy spoke about the need to use native trees from the Borough Ordinance tree list when approving Subdivision and Land Development landscape plans and waiver requests.
2. **Reorganization:** Judith Stratton was elected Chairperson. Chris May was elected Vice Chairperson. Jim Resek was elected Secretary.
3. **Borough's Comprehensive Plan:** Karyn reported revisions to the Comprehensive Plan are underway.
4. **Arborist Report:** Bob reported the evergreens at the new Broad Street Park had been sprayed with a second application of anti-desiccant spray.
5. **Arbor Day Trees:** Dave reported he has started to look for trees for the Borough Arbor Day Tree Giveaway and asked for species recommendations. He reported he is having trouble finding tree nurseries that could supply bare root trees. It was agreed that the number of trees could be reduced from past years orders to 100. Dave and several members said displaying a sign saying the giveaway trees were for Borough residents, as had been done a number of years ago, might be a good idea in light of the reduced number of trees.

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- 6. Borough Park at Doylestown Historic Society Park:** Carter shared with the Commission a drawing of a preliminary landscape plan Carter van Dyke Associates was preparing for the Doylestown Historic Society for the Borough park behind the Historic Society building and asked for suggestions. Dave and Karyn said Carter should contact John Davis to determine who Carter should contact to discuss the plan.

Adjourn: 7:57 PM

Respectfully submitted, Jim Resek, Secretary

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

****Masks required for all attendees****