Borough of Doylestown

Shade Tree Commission

MINUTES

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

 6:30 P.M.

Full Meeting Packet:

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The regular meeting of the Shade Tree Commission was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 6:30 PM at Doylestown Borough Hall, 10 Doyle Street. Members of the Commission in attendance were Kayvon Tabatabai and Jean Weston. Also in attendance were Borough Arborist Bob McMullin, Building & Zoning Director Karyn Hyland, and Park and Recreation Director Dave Burger. Guests in attendance included applicants Katherine Semisin and Craig Sweeney. Mary Zuzack from Indigenous Ingenuities attended on behalf of Bob & Patti Carrier, and Christine Corcoran attended for public comment.

Call to Order: Meet was called at 6:33pm without a quorum

Approval of Minutes: The October minutes were not approved due to the absence of a quorum.

Subdivision/Land Development: 166 W. Oakland Avenue, Wanda Slack, Property Owner. Kayvon & Jean recommended that a total of five trees be planted. 2 Elms along Oakland Ave & 3 Sycamore along Bunker Ave.

Tree Applications:

1. 254 Green Street, Mark and Katherine Semisin, Property Owner. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL.
2. 118 Shewell Avenue, Caitlin Mayer, Property Owner. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL.
3. 404 W. Court Street, George Kenney, Property Owner. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL.
4. 354 Maple Avenue, Douglas and Eileen Smith, Property Owners. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL.
5. 32 Mercer Avenue, Joe and Erin Boles, Property Owners. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL.
6. 77 W. Ashland Street, Craig Sweeney, Property Owner. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL.
7. 74 S. Hamilton Street, Lisa Lelu, Property Owner. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL.
8. 25 W. Court Street, Linda Klein, Property Owner. RECOMMENDED TO DENY PERMIT AND HAVE BOB MCMULLIN INSPECT THE TREE FURTHER.
9. 317 Maple Avenue, Bob and Patti Carrier, Property Owners. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL.

Old/New Business:

1. Street Tree Planting Review - No update provided.
2. Native Species Ordinance: Discussion should focus on the long-term impacts of the current ordinance on future canopy cover, input from arborists regarding best practices for sustainable landscaping, and raising awareness about the importance of diverse native plantings. We'll compare the borough's approved plant list with neighboring townships to identify opportunities for improvement, emphasizing the urgency to expand the list to ensure a healthy and thriving canopy for future generations. Recommendations for actionable next steps will be explored.

Reports:

1. Chairperson Report: None
2. Arborist’s Report: None

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: There will be no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm

Next Shade Tree Commission Meeting is Tuesday, December 10, 2024