

Borough of Doylestown

Shade Tree Commission

MINUTES

Tuesday, December 10, 2024
6:30 P.M.

Full Meeting Packet:

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The regular meeting of the Shade Tree Commission was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 6:30 PM at Doylestown Borough Hall, 10 Doyle Street. Members of the Commission in attendance were Kayvon Tabatabai, Lisa Moscherosch, Chris May, 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 Grey Warner & Lisa Meehan.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm (MAY/WESTON)

Approval of Minutes: The October & November Minutes were approved. (MAY/WESTON)

Subdivision/Land Development:

1. 80 Hohlbains Alley & 102 Decatur Street, Grey Warner & Lisa Meehan, Property Owners. No street tree suggested due to limited space and utilities. (MAY/MOSCHEROSCH)

Tree Applications:

1. 25 W. Court Street, Ellis Klein, Property Owner. RECOMMENDED TO DENY PERMIT. Initial observations indicate the tree is healthy. A follow-up confirms the tree's usefulness without property interference. Recommended action: Prune lower branches.(WESTON/MOSCHEROSCH)
2. 355 Maple Avenue, Joseph Ferrara, Property Owner. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL. (TABATABAI/WESTON)
3. 3 Atkinson Drive, Karen and Doug Zegel, Property Owners. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL. (TABATABAI/WESTON)
4. 22 Hickory Drive, Stephen Palovcato, Property Owner. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL (WESTON/MAY)
5. 84 Chapman Avenue, David John, Property Owner. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL (WESTON/MAY)

Old/New Business:

1. Street Tree Planting Review - No new trees are being planted at this time. This topic remains on the agenda for future discussion regarding spring plantings
2. Native Tree - A review of the planting ordinance wording will be prioritized in January's meeting. Continue discussion 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 - Recap of a video shared regarding New Jersey street tree ordinances.
2. Arborist's Report - None

Public Comment - None

Adjournment. There will be no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 (WESTON/MOSCHEROSCH)

Next Shade Tree Commission Meeting is Tuesday, January 14, 2025