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Borough of Doylestown Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday November 27, 2018

Location and Time: Borough Hall Conference Room 6:30 PM

Meeting Attendance:

- *Shade Tree Commission:* Chris May, Judy Stratton, Baldev Lamba, Jim Resek
- *Borough Arborist:* Bob McMullin
- *Borough Staff Liaison to STC:* Dave Burger
- *Director of Building and Zoning:* not present
- *Landscape Development Applicants:* none
- *Permit Applicants:* Grant Castor (550 Maple Avenue)
- *Others:* William Casey (99 East Court Street), William Neis

Meeting Discussions:

1) Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The meeting minutes for October 17, 2018 were approved by a voice vote.

2) Subdivision Plans and Land Development Waiver Applications: None

3) Tree Removal Permit Applications: The following applications were reviewed.

- 1) 155 E. Ashland Street – Chace Gundlach, Property Owner
 - One Ash and one Holly. **Approved** by a voice vote.
- 2) 355 North Street – Oak Gardens 2017 LLC, Property Owner
 - Eight Pines. **Approved** by a voice vote.
- 3) 90 S. Clinton Street – Marinetta Serrote, Property Owner
 - Three Ash. The tree in the middle was **Approved** by a voice vote. The other two are healthy and permit was **Denied**.
- 4) 107 N. Hamilton Street – John & Mary Duke, Property Owners
 - One Zelkova. **Denied** by a voice vote. The tree is healthy.
- 5) 175 S. Main Street – Tuck Elfman, Property Owner
 - One Dogwood. **Approved** by a voice vote.
- 6) 401 Maple Avenue – Chris Candido, Property Owner
 - Two Bradford Pears. **Hold** pending property owner agreement for replacement tree.

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- 7) 177 N. Franklin Street – Ernest Giancola, Property Owner
 - One Pear. *Approved* by a voice vote.
- 8) 111 N. Hamilton Street – Chris & Grace Heerschap, Property Owners
 - One Zelkova. *Denied* by a voice vote. The tree is healthy.
- 9) 141 Homestead Drive, Marjorie Barrett, Property Owner
 - One Ash and one Cherry. *Approved* by a voice vote
- 10) 3 Belmont Court, Vincent Mainon, Property Owner
 - Two Silver Maples. *Approved* by a voice vote.
- 11) 110 Kreutz Avenue, Susan Whitenack, Property Owner
 - One Spruce. *Approved* by a voice vote
- 12) 36 Stacey Drive, Emily Garretson, Property Owner
 - One Cottonwood. *Approved* by a voice vote
- 13) 550 Maple Avenue, Grant Castor, Property Owner
 - One Oak, one Cedar, one Japanese Maple, one Holly, and one Spruce.
Approved by a voice vote.
- 14) 680 S. Chubb Drive, Peter Discala, Property Owner
 - Six to eight trees removed with *No Permit*. *Code Enforcement is requested to take action on violation.*
- 15) 220 Hillcrest Drive, Jeff Lipson, Property Owner
 - One Black Walnut. *Approved* by a voice vote.
- 16) 203 E. Oakland Avenue, Barbara Hevner, Property Owner
 - Four Hemlocks. *Approved* by a voice vote.
- 17) 11 Golfview Road, Fred Beans, Property Owner
 - Nineteen trees have been marked. *Approved* by a voice vote
- 18) 48 Stacey Drive, Daniel Rockafellow, Property Owner
 - One Red Maple. *Approved* by a voice vote.

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4) Old Business and Reports:

a) New Bucks County VIP Parking Garage on E. Court Street.

William Casey asked why Bucks County was granted approval to remove the large trees along E. Court Street for their planned new parking garage. Chris explained the process for approval of Land Development that is followed.

b) Large Ash Tree near 145 E. Oakland.

William Neis asked about the status of the Ash tree. Dave explained that the options for the tree were discussed at the October 17, 2018 Shade Tree Commission meeting. The Shade Tree Commission decided the best option was to remove the tree and the Borough should restore the area after the tree is removed and they may plant another tree.

c) Future Tree Planting Locations.

Dave reported that he has received lists of locations for future trees in Leaf Collection Areas #2 and #3. He will send maps of the Leaf Collection Areas to the Shade Tree Commission members and wants to receive lists of future tree locations for the remaining three zones by our next meeting. The tree location information should include: the property address and an indication of approximately where the tree(s) should be located on the property and whether the location is between curb and the sidewalk or in the yard. Also, the recommended size (small, medium, large) of the desired tree(s) should be stated.

Chris made the following assignments at the October 17 meeting: Area #1- Carter; Area #2- Bob; Area #3-Jim & Chris; Area #4- Judy & Carter; Area #5- Baldev & Chris

5) New Business

a) None.

6) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Resek, Secretary