



**Monday, 7:30-9:00 pm  
AT THE GAZEBO**

# Minutes

**DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
8/16/2021**

## Inspection calendar for 2021

Jan	Kathy and Bill
Feb	Tom
Mar	Abbie
Apr	Ray
May	Kathy Z
Jun	Sally
Jul	Tanya
Aug	Veronica
Sept	Abbie
Oct	Mary
Nov	Rachel
Dec	Tara

Call to Order Tom F/Bill Z (7:30pm)

In attendance: Ray Slaman, Kathy Zitelli, Rachel Bunin, Bill Zitelli, Tom Fisichella, Conor Gorman, Tanya Zimmerman, Abbie Slaman, Sally Tayeb, George Magno

1. Review Prior Meeting Minutes Accepted
2. COVID 19 update

Conor: Mask requirements in Boro Hall per state guidelines. TBD if we meet in BH, Gazebo, or Zoom in Sept. fluid situation.

3. Discussion of homeowner issues/questions (if any)  
Sidewalk issues are still being worked out in the Boro  
Need to meet the new Boro Admin to keep the discussion going  
WE need a Forestry Plan for roadwork done in boro

Blanche Ct / Memorial Park issue with the fence sign and removal of vegetation (Sally / Ray / Connor)

4. This year activities; 2021
  - a. Rock the Block – (nursery raffle, outreach) review was a great success. The DSTC gave away 2 trees to raffle winners (from the nursery stock) Ray/Tom will follow up and plant for the winners

- b. Dumont Day – Saturday 9/18/2021  
DSTC will have a major presence under the trees again.  
Bag giveaway: Tanya Z is ordering 150 bags, samples approved by commissioners  
Goals: promote our mission: Nursery and Arboretum  
Seeds giveaway: Abbie ordering will also give away order 500 Black-Eyed Susan seed packs with DSTC info and slogan imprinted  
Seed card giveaway: Bill had sample with DSTC info and slogan imprinted. Ordered 250 cards Hang on sample tree.  
Bag: ask for a donation to cover costs (\$5? \$10? TBD)  
Mums: Bill will get 15 to sell from Lupardi's  
Spotted Lantern Fly cards: to be given out: will get a supply from NJ tree federation the SLF has been spotted in our area. Need community to be aware and to kill them when seen.

Will bring a tree to hang cards  
Bird feeders will be sold

5. NJSTF annual conference Oct 21-22 Cherry Hill – Ray needs to know who is going to get signups
6. Community outreach and communication
  - a. Website – [www.dumontshadetree.org](http://www.dumontshadetree.org) Banner changed to promote Dumont Day website mostly used for permits and hazards reporting

b. Newsletter, will publish after Dumont Day to cover Twilight, nursery, Rock the Block Raffle, whatever else we did this summer  
social media Facebook is posted regularly, still our best outreach to the community.  
Facebook: 687 Followers, IG 309 followers, Twitter 125 followers

#### 7. Arboretum

Anthony at DPW. They want to place a memorial rock in memory of Timmy Sullivan, a long time DPW worker and Dumont resident, who passed away a few years ago. They have a rock and plaque and asked to place it at the south end of the arboretum.

Discussion about the DSTC controlling the space for memorials. Tim's will likely be placed at North End near others (Kathy Sheridan, Jackie D'Angelo)

Need to have a "memorial space"

Commissioners will review and submit guidelines for future memorials. DSTC has veto power.

a. Maintenance, inspections, general upkeep Construction at north end is a mess. We believe that using the space for staging by Suez is not appropriate. Conor will contact and try to make them move from there. Town looking for a better spot.

Light by the Gazebo has been out for a while, Kathy will call PSEG to report outage.

Four beds in bad shape (weeds, so much rain) Bill will tackle beds over the weekend.

b. New gardeners/volunteers / mulch project

c. Brick installation / Brick sales Bricks are on order hopefully in by Dumont Day. Will try to at least have them to show at Dumont Day

d. New memorial bench applications

#### 8. Tree Nursery – Pablo, Veronica, new volunteers

a. Installation of new water source

There are 6-8 trees available for adopting out to the community. WE need a new / different term for trees given away from nursery to have a distinction b/w nursery trees and adopt-a-tree program  
Very rainy summer so watering wasn't required as much (at all?) July and August. But lots of weeds.  
Nursery water tank still on list of must haves.

we need to start giving away trees (Dumont Day to be a good place to get the word out)

b. Maintenance / weeding / Mulching

c. summer and fall plans

d. Trees are ready for FALL NURSERY ADOPTIONS i. Accepting names for limited planting

ii. Solicit candidates at Dumont Day

#### 9. Adopt-A-Tree Taking 12 requests for fall planting

#### **Regular Business**

10. Annual activities; Education, tree planting, other projects

Back to a reasonable number of requests for tree trimming

45 Bedford: tree was removed

PSEG: reached out to DSTC and has been very cooperative and trimmed tall trees on lines (we cannot do that don't have equipment. It's their job.

PSEG could be overridden on a removal of a boro tree if a heritage tree. TBD

Elm tree at Memorial Park has major branch that needs trimming.

11. Tree Maintenance – statistics

DPW Superintendent: Anthony Schiraldi, Arborist Dennis Banoff

12. Tree permits - back to an average amount

13. Update from FOTST – meeting, fundraising, activities, and projects

DSTC applied for a NJ State Environment award (thanks Sally and Ray to get this going and put together application.

Bill Z: spraying Roses worked, they seem much healthier, will do this again.

Trip to Van Vleck House on 10/09/2021 (informal gathering, meet there, follow COVID protocols)

Suggested we put Ray's Sidewalk presentation (it's recorded) on the FOTST/Shade Tree YouTube Channel

14. Other Open Business – NONE

15. Sept 20 2021 originally to be a remote meeting will now be AT THE GAZEBO

Meeting closed Tanya/Abbie 8:49pm

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