



# Minutes

**DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION**  
**10/18/2021**  
**Monday, 7:30-9:00 pm**  
**WEBEX**

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	Kathy Z
Nov	Rachel
Dec	Tara

Call to Order Tom F/ Tanya Z 7:34pm

In attendance: Abbie Slaman, Ray Slaman, Rachel Bunin, Tanya Zimmerman, Tom Fisichella, Sally Tayeb, Erin Calev, Conor Gorman

1. Review Prior Meeting Minutes - accepted as written by Abbie  
Tanya offered to host Zoom next time (we had technical issues w/ WebEx.

2. COVID 19 update – plan to be in the Borough Hall upstairs room.  
We have Access to building after 7:30pm in November meeting—  
vaccination preferred (?) , mask required.

3. Discussion of homeowner issues/questions (if any)

(Sidewalks remain a concern) we are committed to managing this issue and working w/ the town and residents to solve this. Ray has a proposal/outline. will meet with Chris Tully to review and discuss

Crane needed to remove the tree in Memorial Park behind Walsh Drive.

4. End of Year activities; 2021

a. Volunteerism (nursery, Arboretum, etc.).

Bill Z has done a great job getting volunteers for the Gardens at the Arboretum.

we need to engage young people and more volunteers. Discussed ideas.

Tree Bombing

Monarch butterfly event

Concerts (see below)

a. Autumn at the Gazebo – 11/6 4pm (Anna's proposal)

Cider and donuts... will appeal to a younger audience than the July concerts. Hoping to flood social media to get the crowd then talk up volunteerism. Think about a *structure* that will enable our new volunteers to contribute; gardening, tree planting, new programs. Enlist more youth. Ideas discussed

b. Wreath making Dec 6 Monday – Will reconvene with Tara to set up all the details

preregistration—prepay \$20. No refunds group tables by friends | have it at the elks club (more space) | target number of guests (will get a max people from Elks ==masks required

a. Website – [www.dumontshadetree.org](http://www.dumontshadetree.org)

b. Newsletter, social media

Library: Julie whitehead wants printed copies of the newsletter. Try to partner more with the library

a. Maintenance, inspections, general upkeep

from Kathy Z: Sorry I missed the meeting tonight! But I did the inspection today if you want to include it in the minutes if you can after the fact.

- 1) there are branches at the south end from the curly willow for pick up and the compost bin is full
  - 2) flyer box needs refilling
  - 3) the heritage and conifer tree sign needs tightening, Bill said he's do it
  - 4) shooters on the bottom of the trunk of the purple leaf plum need to be removed
  - 5) there are mylar balloons in the tree at bed 9 and a branch fell in the bed, but it's hard to see where it came off of the tree
  - 6) all the shrubs (ilex sp?) in the beds need pruning. they're getting pretty unruly
  - 7) happy to see bed 10 looking better. one shrub has some broken branches and the iris is smushed, but not too bad. they can be fixed. there is a partial new curb and the wooden boards are on top of some plants still, along with a lot of stones
  - 8) all the flower beds need weeding
- Submitted by Kathy Zitelli

b. New gardeners/volunteers / mulch project

Suez construction equipment is gone... fixing up the area.

c. Brick installation / Brick sales --all ordered bricks are installed

d. New memorial bench applications – none right now

a. Installation of new water source – focus on 2022

d. Trees are ready for FALL NURSERY ADOPTIONS: 4 trees from the nursery went into yards in Dumont Franklin Street Beacon Street West Quackenbush?? 4th?

10 names for our inaugural planting of ~ 5 trees we need a better name so as not to confuse with Adopt a tree. Still working on it

Adopt a tree 22 trees going in on 11/13. DSTC volunteers will help plant around town.

. NJSTF annual conference Oct 21-22 Cherry Hill NJ Shade Tree conference:

Ray Slaman was honored. We are very proud. Posted photos and announcements across our IG and FB pages.

### **Regular Business**

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

8. Tree Maintenance – statistics – normal flow for time of year

DPW Superintendent: Anthony Schiraldi, Arborist Dennis Banoff

9. Tree permits -- having a normal flow

10. Update from FOTST – meeting, fundraising, activities, and projects – Nothing new, will have wreath event. Hoping for a scholarship recipient this year

11. Other Open Business

12. Nov 15 2021 meeting will now be DUMONT BORO HALL

Adjourn: 8:50pm Tanya/Tom

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