



9-18-2017



**DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

Monday, 7:30-9 pm Senior Center 39 Dumont Ave. Dumont, NJ 07628

**Call to Order 7:30pm Abbie/Tom second**

**Attending:** Rachel Bunin, Abbie Slaman, Ray Slaman, Tom Fisichella, Kathryn Zitelli, Bill Zitelli, Tanya Zimmerman, Lou Di Paolo, Sally Tayeb, Tara Barker

1. DIAL commissioners that are participating remotely - NONE

**Review Prior Meeting Minutes** from 8-21-17: Accepted

**Discussion of homeowner issues/questions (if any)**

23 Wolcott- Neighbor damaged a private tree; told we don't have jurisdiction over private trees but advised

48 Shelby: Tree inspected. Evaluated as OK. Will reevaluate and remove ivy to give it a chance to recover. Done before and worked to improve another tree.

205 East Madison: Tom evaluated. Not a boro tree; there is a big branch to be removed

234 Sunset: on Medford and Sunset: Buyer needs a CO (there were questions about who gets the CO) Needs to fix sidewalk. It's a big maple tree. DSTC doesn't fix sidewalks; in code that homeowners fix sidewalks.

?? White Beeches: Homeowner tree. Ms. Hanna chain-link fences is by softball field. Oak Tree covered in Ivy (some maybe poison ivy) Heritage tree in right of way

Woodside Cemetery: branch still hanging; have to find the trustees who should remove branch.

Colonial Parkway: owners topped trees... we agree terrible but it's their tree. sadly, cut all limbs

**Community outreach and communication Newsletter**

Fall issue Was well received. Handed out at Dumont Day. Sally will print 25 more for the Library. Next issue in December.

**Website, social media**

Twitter and Instagram gaining followers and posts. FB going well for events and LIKES Abbie has archived and reorganized the website to improve usability.

**Arboretum Maintenance**, inspections, general upkeep (monthly assignments)

Abbie inspected and filed a report. Notes: we have to update the message board. WE need more weeding. We need a North End trash can (working on it). Trees are thriving. Horse chestnut is showing signs of stress; will keep an eye on it. Discussed and then tabled putting cigarette barrels/buckets or something for the butts. New plantings: 2 andromedas, forsythias, and Abbie found 3 accidental white pumpkins grown from the mulch! Bed 6 rosebush was hit by a car but Bill Z tied it up and thinks it will recover. Minor damage to lights in gazebo have been fixed. Gale Ferrer will decorate for the holidays. We now have fall corn stalks in gazebo. Discussed a hose reel. about \$100 for a 400' holder reel.

Events update; spread the word

**International Day of Peace; Whirled Peace Day** Thursday 9/21/17 6pm at the

Arboretum. Install pinwheels 42 from Dumont day, 20 more from Tanya and 15 more left for Abbie from a 1<sup>st</sup> grade class who's teach lives in Dumont  
. Dedicate 67 steppingstones; Ace LaPalma will play music; a few words will be spoken by Karen Valido (she brought the project to the DSTC) Songs: One Love and Let There Be Peace on Earth

**Dumont Day:** was a huge success for the DSTC. Many attended the booth. made stepping stones, pinwheels, photo booth.  
We added 4-5 more volunteers for the garden club  
Garden Club sold out mums (maybe get more next year)  
Funds raised: 1 brick \$75  
                  \$403 from plant sale by garden club  
                  \$162 from Stepping Stones and Stumpy (10% will go to the general fund)  
(note: we now have enough \$\$ for 1 scholarship)

Visions FCU agreed to pay for Mulch (getting from Tony Lupardi who has been a great supporter and partner for the arboretum)

Education

**Honiss School program;** Deforestation and local impact.

On schedule, we discussed possible dates. Teacher offered suggestions hoping for 11/27-11/30.

We agreed they can invite parents. About 160 6<sup>th</sup> graders for program

Suggested to get Larry to come with iTREE. we will reach out.

Sally has a booklet to hand out.

Tom: should bring artifacts and oddities table

We'll have several stations with interactive set up for kids to see Deforestation effects

Also, we have a large photo of the bench to show.

### **Tree Nursery Project**

We are "moving on it" Ray has a proposal ready to go. Handed out.

Ray met with Rec and soon we will break ground in October. Trees in pots. Starting with 20' x 100' but can grow.

When he gets the go-ahead we will have a 'ceremony' and invite the TBN and NJ.com and [www.northjerseyinmotion.com](http://www.northjerseyinmotion.com)

Can be a give and take, we'll have a tree rescue farm.

Need to figure out watering and fund raising- solicit donations and find ways to collect rainwater.

**Annual NJ Shade Tree Conference** Cherry Hill Oct. 19-20. Ray and Abbie Going, Tanya signed up. Others?

### **Regular Business Tree Maintenance**

Tom report: we are a little behind but ok. Mostly private trees coming in and town trees are a simple remove for many reported. Most disputes are between neighbors. Some trees look dead but aren't. Leaf drop on Maples/Apples/Sycamores.

Black fungus on 2 maples and Beech. Took a sample and sending to Rutgers to analyze.

Dennis the tree guy is doing a great job. We agreed that the commissioners should try to meet him.

128 Manhattan Terrace: Owner has reported again the tree. It was cabled a few years (?) back, and deemed safe on recent reinspection (arborist went up in bucket and evaluated)

61 Howard: Beautiful healthy 80' Oak is in the owner's driveway. Tom and Ray working on solution and evaluating situation.

Tom will submit a quarterly report by end of September.

**Update from FOTST** – meeting, fundraising, activities and projects

See Dumont Day report above for financials

Garden Club needs a new flyer. Sally showed the FOTST one, Billy will work on new one.

Sally needs new QR codes for coffee tree. Waiting on Mike K. for software or code.

Ray signed the CR200 Registration

Tom Working on the plaque for the bench: needs a post for the bench.

Kathy starting Arboretum “lending library” give a book take a book will be installed soon. Box was at meeting- is wonderful ☺

Tara: offered to donate \$\$ for the banner for the garden club.

**Adopt-A-Tree** – Plan for Fall Johnny and Janey Appleseed recruits

Gail Ferrer will be Janey Appleseed

We have 10 adopt a tree requests for Fall (this is a low number) try to get more before planting in October.

**Other Open Business**

Summer rain has kept most trees in town healthy

Permits going well: appropriate trees came down, healthy ones didn't.

312 West Madison is a heritage tree.

Closed meeting 8:57pm Tanya motion/Sally 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Announcements:

THE DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION (DSTC)  
HAS COMPLIED WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT,  
HAVING SENT NOTICE TO THE RECORD, RIDGEWOOD NEWS, FILED WITH THE MUNICIPAL CLERK  
AND POSTED ON THE BOROUGH'S OFFICIAL BULLETIN BOARD.

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ALL DUMONT RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME  
TO ATTEND OPEN MEETINGS OF THE DSTC

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BUY A BRICK, ENJOY THE GAZEBO  
(At the Arboretum on West Shore Avenue)

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For more information visit [www.dumontshadetree.org](http://www.dumontshadetree.org)