



10-16-2017

DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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



Call to Order 7:35pm Mike/Ray second

Attending: Abbie Slaman, Ray Slaman, Tom Fisichella, Kathryn Zitelli, Bill Zitelli, Tanya Zimmerman, Sally Tayeb

1. DIAL commissioners that are participating remotely - NONE

Review Prior Meeting Minutes from 9-18-17: Accepted without comment

Discussion of homeowner issues/questions (if any)

Trees that may need to be taken down

61 Hoard Street. Tree has grown in homeowner driveway. Long time resident cannot use the driveway. Recommended DPW take down tree after leaf season.

128 Manhattan Terrace. Had been cabled. Homeowner was told tree is healthy and without elevated risk. She was give process to contest DSTC decision if she chooses.

Community outreach and communication Newsletter

Website, social media

Instagram – 197 posts, 162 followers, 328 following

Twitter – 103 followers, 220 following

Abbie mentioned that FACEBOOK is the best forum for communication and reaching people about Shade Tree info.

Arboretum Maintenance, inspections, general upkeep (monthly assignments)

Newest project; Little Free library – Kathy Zitelli designed a small lending library installed at the Arboretum She stocked it with books to be shared with the public. Bill and Tom built and installed the LITTLE LIBRARY

Ray reminded everyone that any project that is undertaken needs to be managed for installation as well as take-down. Supervision from beginning to end.

Dumont Brownie troop planted bulbs recently.

Tom displayed the new plaque for the Taxus Yew bench

Tom displayed new signs for plantings/trees to be installed in the coming weeks.

Events update; spread the word

Education seminar/ Presentation Program presented to Honiss School 6th grade arranged by Spanish Teacher Ms. Alzate. DEFORESTATION; global and local impact.

Ray will arrange meeting at the school to clarify the format, content, and date

Tom will prepare and present artifacts and oddities

Ray, Bill, Tom, Rachel, Tanya will present

Tree Nursery: 11/18 is scheduled date for groundbreaking of new DSTC tree nursery at McGaw Park

Tom has Roto-tiller the ground in prep for planting

Pot-in-pot installation of about 50 trees

Temp fencing for deer and animal protection
Section of nursery will be for exchanging trees with community – orphanage to accept donated trees for later distribution
Tom will make signs

Annual NJ Shade Tree Conference Cherry Hill Oct. 19-20. Ray, Sally and Tom attending on Friday 10/20. Suggestion for Boro employees/DPW to attend Core Training.

Regular Business Tree Maintenance

Tom and Abbie have been inspecting trees and managing requests from homeowners. Report of weather related issues and evidence of fungus on some maple trees. Tom will submit a quarterly next meeting.

Permits: 5 per week lately. 111 so far in 2017. 2 Permit requests turned out to be BORO trees. 90% of homeowner requests are to remove healthy viable trees. Most homeowners go through with removal after discussion and approval. Sally suggested that tree companies be required to complete permits to include insurance documentation.

Update from FOTST – meeting, fundraising, activities and projects
Wreath making fund raiser scheduled for Dec 5th. Recommendation that there is a chair for this event – someone to take responsibility for all coordination. Very important to have a responsible party for all events of this type to avoid confusion and better ensure a successful event.
Scholarship committee will examine fundraising activities to determine how many or how much scholarship can be awarded.
Abbie requested that membership forms be updated.

Adopt-A-Tree – Ray ordering HERITAGE TREE plaques to be installed on all eligible trees in the Boro. QR code will be linked to website with info on each tree.

Other Open Business

none

Closed meeting 8:49pm Tanya motion/Mike 2nd.

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.

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

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

For more information visit www.dumontshadetree.org