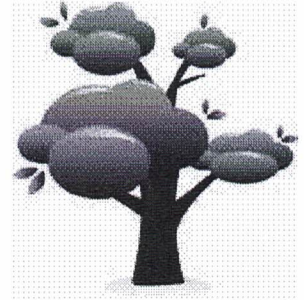




Minutes

DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION
Monday 4/16/2018 7:30-9 pm



Senior Center 39 Dumont Ave. Dumont, NJ 07628

Call to Order 7:32pm Abbie/ Rachel

Attendance: Ray Slaman, Rachel Bunin, Abbie Slaman, Carole Stewart, Tanya Zimmerman, Bill Zitelli, Sally Tayeb, Tara Barker

Homeowner/Guest: Veronica Greco

1. DIAL commissioners NONE are participating remotely
2. Review Prior Meeting Minutes -- Accepted after review (noted that quorum wasn't at March meeting but action items were voted by full Commission after the meeting via email.

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

Several issues currently being addressed by DSTC (Tom not at meeting)

Highwood: a branch came down discussed that safety issues give homeowners latitude if needed to proceed w/o inspection. A homeowner had Bergenfield Tree Co give estimate for a declining tree and then said tree next to it also should come down. Ray explained that this opportunistic approach should be a red flag. Ray will inspect. Homeowner wants replacement trees.

Veronica Greco: has a tree in Memorial Park for father (memorial tree was planted over 20 years ago family cared/cares for the tree and it's doing well). Now mother- **Mrs. Claire Charlotte Greco**, has passed. DSTC voted unanimously (Ray motion to vote/Tanya 2nd motion) to grant that the memorial tree for her can be placed on walkway in Memorial Park. **Mrs. Claire Charlotte Greco** was a veteran (worked in kitchens during WWII) also wife of vet so VERY appropriate to have tree to honor her service. Wants a Service Berry Tree. DSTC will manage and get tree and plant tree. Greco family will pay and get plaque similar to Father's plaque.

4. Open DSTC seat – recommendations / interested parties

Put the word out for a replacement commissioner—Carole will mention

5. 2018 planning 4/28/18 **Arbor Day** meet at 12:30 set up earlier need tables

Agenda discussion –

- flag ceremony: GSTroop 6659 and BS Troop 64
- Carole Stewart will contact Anthony Schiraldi regarding a new flag for Arbor Day. (UPDATE: He is placing the order today, and will have it for us next week.
- National Anthem performer- Emma Brennan
- Mayoral proclamation—Carole said all ready and mayor will sign
- special thank you's
- Sponsors: 21 printed on the bag
- Newsletter: Sally will print 100 (77 for bags, rest to be handed out)
- Arbor Day foundation had a nice small coloring/activity booklet 10 small pages: Rachel will ask them to donate 100 for the bags and small sticker sheet (Follow-up: Arbor Day foundation sells these for \$5/booklet so not doing that ☹)
- Award of Merit for 2018: Lupardi's Nursery
- Art contest: Tanya reported – art contest 77 entries, 18 Ribbons: 10 winners, several classes did group projects from the elementary schools; 7 participants in yarn bombing; we will ask

- students to take art after Arbor Day; those that don't take art we will return to schools
- Yarn Bombing: will have a contest- all voted to give \$20 Michael's gift card to winner proceeds from money collected for activity
- Carole will ask Sue Connelly to put the Arbor Day event notice on BH sign on Washington Avenue
- Carole Stewart: has asked and plans for a county executive and/or freeholder to come to the arbor day event—Jim Tedesco or someone from his office will be there
- plant a tree – Ray has been in touch w/ nursery—Smoke Tree is the 'wish' but may not get it. He will get the best tree he can for the day
- Ray has draft of agenda for the day
- Bricks: had 3 bricks this year including one for Lupardi (will imprint: Lupardi Nursery 2018) but bricks won't be ready for Arbor Day. Maybe have on a table.
- Prep- mulch, maintenance, dig hole/fresh soil,
- sound system – Tara in charge ☺

6. Community outreach and communication

Going well, many followers on FB/IG/Twitter. Issue w/ discussion on FB regarding DSTC. We will direct all 'issues' to the DSTC.org website

- Newsletter, social media all discussed; no major issues
- There will be a new email address for Ray (the dumontshadetree.org address will be no more. Will have a Gmail address. Hopefully shorter than previous one.
- Website – review of new website progress. Launch is imminent. Rachel and Tanya will have tutorial on MailChimp and how to update the website. Jennette Z has it ready to launch. Just need to finalize the link to the database for tree notices and permit requests

7. Arboretum

- Maintenance, inspections, general upkeep (monthly assignments) – nothing major to report (Ray did inspection this month. Tom and Bill will be working on the new shed to be built,
- Tom F. has an eagle scout who will use the project for creating a water system
- Ray spoke to Anthony re: parking space paving
- Mulching: to be done on Saturday April 21st. Request out for wheelbarrows. Mulch delivered by truck this year not in bags.
- Community use of the Arboretum—boy scouts Car show will proceed on June ??

8. Tree Nursery –

- update from Mary Normoyle, Nursery Manager – not present nothing to report—there was some loss 70+ planted so most made it through the winter
- Fence project – work in progress but will have a fence
- Dedication ceremony—we need a date and plans (after Arbor Day event)

9. Events; Concerts at the Gazebo, other summer programs – all on schedule. Will have 4 concerts. Work on this after Arbor day

Regular Business

10. Tree Maintenance – discussed insurance requirements for any crane operators. Dumont's truck not working so we call out to Bergenfield or Haworth.

- DPW Acting Superintendent: Anthony Schiraldi DPW: Bill Ebenack (sp?) retired. We are very happy to welcome Anthony and Dennis as our tree guy—accolades all around
- Ray and Bill spoke to DPW regarding Arboretum parking lot striping and paving and getting

bumpers. More bushes were run over by trucks/cars parking on West Shore.

- Dennis is going for CTE training and certification
- Discussion of truck—Carole knows we need capital investment.
- Town budget is in, we don't get a new tree truck this year as many other items rose to the top of the list (fire and police equipment) Budget is stressed...tight.
- Carole will look into a Crane ordinance and insurance requirements
- Town Grants: Working on getting \$\$\$\$. Discussion of matching grants and how best to get the money. Matching can be in kind but Ray was working w/ Peter Banos—Millennium Grants--and it was difficult to justify the in-kind work for the money we want for planting (\$12K??). Will investigate further.
 - Grants available for tree planting and tree inventory

11. Tree permits

- many have been received. Tom is working on them w/ Ray and Abbie. After storms slight backlog.
- We are pleased with Rebecca and Colleen – thanks to them in a very busy office --in the Building department handling requests.

12. Update from FOTST –

- fundraising, activities and projects: FOTST is awarding a scholarship (3rd year in a row) to a DSH graduating senior) Award \$\$ and recipient is confidential, the committee (Tanya, Abbie, Rachel, Bill Z) met and determined the winner. WE will present scholarship on June 6th Senior Award night. Sally gave check to Rachel who gave it to Bill Z. to give to Terry Stanek at DHS.
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13. Adopt-A-Tree – 12 trees planned for spring; Johnny and Janey Appleseed recruits Hoping for more trees in Fall. Need to get the word out.

Meeting closed 9:06p ::Abbie motion to close/Sally second

DSTC SIGN-IN SHEET

Monthly DSTC meeting

Date: 4 / 16 / 2018

APRIL, 2018

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