



Meeting Minutes

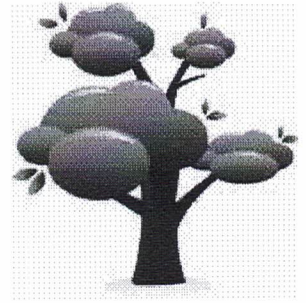
DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION

6/18/2018

Monday, 7:30-9 pm

DSTC ARBORETUM GAZEBO

West Shore Ave. Dumont, NJ 07628



Call to Order 7:30pm Ray Second Rachel

Attendants: Rachel Bunin, Ray Slaman, Abbie Slaman, Bill Zitelli, Kathy Zitelli, Tom Fisichella, Steve Falotico, Mary Normoyle, Sally Tayeb, Newton Sweet

1. NONE: DIAL commissioners that are participating remotely
2. Review Prior Meeting Minutes – not done yet, will be available at July 2018 meeting
3. Discussion of homeowner issues/questions (if any)

- 6 Poplar street (on the docket for removal)
- 55 Larch- being done
- Tree in cemetery lost a big branch, Ray will contact trustees

4. Open DSTC seat – recommendations / interested parties – we are still looking hoping for a volunteer

5. 2018 planning

a. Concerts at the Gazebo, other summer programs (4 Wednesdays July 11, 18, 25, Aug 1)

- Beth Synott coordinating with Erin Calev and local talent
- Flyers need to be put up at some local businesses incl. Dumont Hardware
- Need 100 minutes of programming already have volunteers to sing/play/read etc.

b. Holiday Train Show December at the Library

- We have full cooperation from Library and Kathryn Dodwell - Director
- Dates are set: December 8-20th | 12:00- 3:00 p.m. Saturdays | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Mon | Tues | Weds | 10:00 a.m. - noon Thursdays
- Anna F is creating scenes w/ botanicals
- Steve has trains, says 1 day ok for setup
- Meet the engineers will be on one or more days
- Will get TBN to do a story

6. Community outreach and communication

- Website dumontshadetree.org is up and running
- Still need a little work
- Rachel and Tanya reached out to Jennette for training (still waiting to set up a date for MailChimp and updating training)
- Ray met with town for hazardous tree procedures (document provided to council and mayor)

a. Website – www.dumontshadetree.org

- Ray is admin. set up read/write rights for users. Council and mayor read only
- All communication from townspeople must go through the website
- If someone doesn't have internet, right now we call the building dept.

waiting on new phone system/number for Shade Tree

i. Open items

ii. Data base for tree notices and permit requests

- Discussed new permit process all applications through website. get permit then pay on issuance

b. Newsletter, social media

7. Arboretum

- Was some trash basically just gorgeous. all plants in full bloom
- Gazebo had breakage from people sitting on the railing. Tom fixed it
- Ray trimmed some branches
- Discussion as to how to keep trucks from backing up onto the Rose bushes. Maybe install reflectors? We felt they would disappear... so no good solutions that aren't \$\$\$ right now; floated some ideas that aren't tenable.
- Someone topped the crepe myrtle (dpw?) Tom will speak to them and tell the don't do that
- The parking lots need paving and striping
- Need update from Carole/BH on grants?

a. Maintenance, inspections, general upkeep (monthly assignments)

b. New shed to be built, water system, parking space paving

c. Community use of the Arboretum – Boy Scouts car show

- All set for July Tanya is in charge (she wasn't at the meeting)

d. Brick installation

- Contact Kathy Sheridan about outstanding orders

8. Tree Nursery – update from Mary Normoyle, Nursery Manager

- Got 6 redbuds from River Edge. They are closing their nursery... got other trees too They distributed 170? Trees to neighboring towns
- Thanks to Dave Miller who gave us his truck to rescue the trees
- Mulch project went well... still more to do, discussion about using woodchips
- Fence project will happen in the Fall to follow Dedication ceremony

9. Lupardi Nursery supplied \$280+ wholesale cost flowers for planting at the library (only charged \$200 to the Library). the Garden folks helped plant, the Library folks will water and care for the beds

Regular Business

9. Tree Maintenance | Going along as planned... some delays

a. DPW Acting Superintendent: Anthony Schiraldi – doing a great job

10. Tree permits | see new system through website. Kudos to Rebecca at the BH

- Brought up demolition of Borough Hall at 50 Washington—Tom went in to see if anything left to salvage

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

- Rachel, Tanya and Tara gave out \$250 scholarship to Kayla Massari at the Senior Awards night.

a. Adopt-A-Tree – Plan for spring; Johnny and Janey Appleseed recruits

12. Other Open Business

13. July 16 meeting at the GAZEBO again!

Meeting closed at 8:43pm Ray/Abbie second

(side-note: we had a bit of rain but it didn't stop the meeting, we just moved inside the Gazebo... but we ended earlier b/c we rushed a bit)