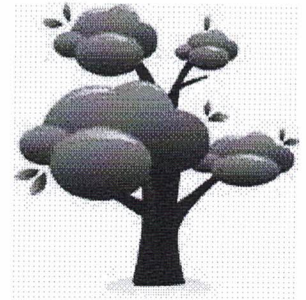




Meeting Minutes



DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION

9/17/2018

Monday, 7:30-9 pm

Dumont Senior Center

Dumont Ave. Dumont, NJ 07628

Call to Order 7:30pm Ray/Tanya

1. DIAL commissioners that are participating remotely NONE

In attendance:

Rachel Bunin, Carole Stewart (Liaison) , Abbie Slaman, Ray Slaman, Bill Zitelli, Kathy Zitelli, Mary Normoyle, Tanya Zimmerman, Cathy Herzog (homeowner)

2. Review Prior Meeting Minutes - August 20, 2018 meeting was cancelled; no minutes, approved July 2019 minutes

Carole had to leave early for a Library Trustee meeting so we moved her agenda up:

- We got the stump grinder \$35K. Only has 248 hours on it. Dumont
- will use it and partner with other towns to exchange for other services. Dumont has over 200 stumps to grind.
- Billy Page now working in Building dept. will also help out the Shade Tree commission with Rebecca who is training him
- Paramus is removing all Ash trees in advance of the Ash Borer. Tom says not a problem in Dumont, we don't have many of those trees at all. Maybe some private homeowners have them but no town trees.

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

- Cathy Herzog (homeowner- 54 Shadyside Ave): concerned about a tree planted by her neighbor in the borough strip b/w street and her yard. Cathy filed a hazardous tree form. Says it's obstructive. Showed us a photo, seems tree has been there more than a year. Claims she nearly hit the mailman b/c of the tree. Ray said he'll see if the tree needs to be trimmed. Trees planted by homeowners in borough land are the property of the borough but if not, right tree right place borough can assess homeowner who planted it for any costs related to the tree.
- Tree came down in memorial park on Saturday 9/15. Nobody was hurt. It twisted down. Was rotted at base. No way to have known this would happen. Although was fungi at the base.
- Homeowner tree trimmings running a little behind
- D'Elia tree (came to the DSTC booth at Dumont Day) was trimmed by Tom
- 6 Poplar Tree was taken down by Shade Tree. Stumps and the large logs still to be removed.
- 23 Wilcox (was confusion w/ Walcott) ☹️ has a stone-cold dead tree. Will come down.

4. Open DSTC seat – recommendations / interested parties

- Mary Normoyle, Nursery Tree Manager, asked what are the obligations of a commissioner.

Discussion ensued and she asked to be considered for open seat. All commissioners in attendance were thrilled with her offer to join the Commission as a commissioner. Voted yes unanimously: Ray | Tom | Rachel | Abbie | Tanya

- We welcome Mary as a Shade Tree Commissioner. Ray will deal with Council to make it official.
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5. 2018 planning

Recap DUMONT DAY

- Was a success. Had perfect tone. Plenty of residents stopped by and got packets
- All but 2 small mum plants sold—were supplied by Lupardi's Nursery Closter. A Great DSTC partner. Paid Tony and we made \$130 for all mums sold
- Stumpy bot \$12
- Sally will give us finance totals at next meeting
- Partnering with Tom Kelly (Dumont Historian) to get parts of Camp Merritt wall that residents want removed b/c it's not designated historic, put in arboretum

b. Holiday Train Show December at the Library

- All botanicals are done by Anna And Tom 40' of scenery is done already
- Tom needs volunteers to sign up for manning the show
- Schedule is out (contact Tom to sign up for slots)
- Tom working on flyers and badges with Rachel
- Rachel and Tanya will work to promote on website

6. Annual NJ Shade Tree Conference: Oct 18-19 (Thurs and Fri) Cherry Hill NJ 8:30am start

- Planning to go this year: Ray, Tom, Tanya, Rachel, Mary
- Will figure out driving, all are planning to go on Thursday 10/18/19
- Tanya and Mary will do Core Training
- Rachel, Abbie, Ray, Tom will take other classes
- DSTC gets/needs CEUs to stay a commission
- DSTC pays attendance fees for all participants from DSTC
- a. Core training / certification b. CEU: Urban Forest Planning, Trees and sidewalks, Greenhouse initiative, Urban forest diversity, etc, c. 8 CEU required each year

7. Community outreach and communication

- Website – www.dumontshadetree.org Tanya and Rachel and making it work. Tom needs some help with the database.
- Social media: Abbie reports many followers on IG and Twitter our FB page is active

i. Open items

- Tom needs some help. Permits are coming in regularly. Rachel and Tanya will try to join Ray and Tom and Abbie to learn inspections
- Data base for tree notices and permit requests

b. Newsletter, social media

- Carley Campbell will help write Fall 2019 Shade Tree news due out in October -Rachel met her at DD and she offered to write the DD article.
- New program; identify examples of where trees are benefiting a neighborhood; shade, beauty, storm water mitigation, etc. for a pamphlet/bulletin.

8. Arboretum

- Vandalism at the Take a book library. Tom fixed the doors
- Mostly otherwise ok
- a. Maintenance, inspections, general upkeep (monthly assignments)
 - Busy but mostly on target
- b. water system, parking space paving
 - Water feature going in (Rex Eagle Scout) before winter. Water will come from there to extend to help water
 - Paving?? Not discussed
- c. Brick installation
 - 9 bricks at Written in Stone (due back end of September. We would like installation before winter
- 9. Tree Nursery – update from Mary Normoyle, Nursery Manager
 - Trees doing fine b/c of all the rain. Weeds are abundant. Ray will get her a weed Wacker to help out. Just one didn't make it from River Edge orphan trees!
- a. Fence project
 - Ray says before winter will be done
- b. Mulching
 - Not discussed 😊
- 10. Adopt a tree fall planting
 - Veronica Greco tree will go into memorial park
 - 20-25 Adopt-a-trees on schedule

Regular Business

- 11. Update from FOTST – meeting, fundraising, activities and projects
 - Sally not at meeting; will get final update from dumont Day next month
- 12. Tree Maintenance
 - a. DPW Acting Superintendent: Anthony Schiraldi, Arborist Dennis Banoff
 - Catching up...stump grinder will help with 200 stump backlog
- 13. Tree permits
 - On balance for 8-12 months
- 14. Other Open Business NONE
- 15. October 2018 meeting at the SENIOR CENTER

Meeting closed 8:54 Abbie/Tanya

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