



# Minutes

## DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION

7/16/2018

Monday, 7:30-9 pm

DSTC ARBORETUM GAZEBO

West Shore Ave. Dumont, NJ 07628

Call to Order: 7:30 Tom is running the meeting b/c Ray is out this month; Tanya open/Rachel Second

1. DIAL commissioners that are participating remotely -- None
  - a) In attendance: Bill Zitelli, Kathy Zitelli, Tanya Zimmerman, Rachel Bunin, Tara Barker, Carole Stewart, Tom Fisichella
2. Review Prior Meeting Minutes – none to review – will need to review next meeting
3. Discussion of homeowner issues/questions (if any)-
  - a) 35 Medford, homeowner cut into a Heritage Tree—town needs to follow up. Probably killed the tree. Was done by contractor installing a sidewalk?
  - b) Dumont in negotiation with Haworth for a better stump grinder, we can now do only up to 12” stumps
4. Open DSTC seat – recommendations / interested parties
  - a) Still looking hoping to do outreach at events like Dumont Day
5. 2018 planning
  - a. Concerts at the Gazebo, other summer programs (4 Wednesdays July 11, 18, 25, Aug 1) First evening was a SUCCESS. Full slate for the subsequent 3 Wednesdays.
  - b. Successful first Concert- looking forward to the remaining 3 concerts
  - c. Boy Scouts Car Show – 7/14 summary by Tanya Was a GIANT success. Over 80 Cars!
  - d. Holiday Train Show December at the Library
    - a. Scheduled for December 8-20 will need all hands on deck
    - b. Tom is collecting folks to help
    - c. Anna F is making scenery from botanicals; collecting from area neighbors yards—contributions welcome
6. Community outreach and communication
  - a. Website – [www.dumontshadetree.org](http://www.dumontshadetree.org) Rachel and Tanya will meet with Jennette in the next week(s) to learn how to change contents, add links, send newsletter
    - a. Need 50 newsletters for handing out at the Twilight concerts
    - b. Still waiting for the dedicated phone number at the BH to become active
  - i. Open items  
None
  - ii. Data base for tree notices and permit requests
    - a. Tom has to meet with Jennette to iron out some issues with database- maybe when Tanya and Rachel meet will take care of all website related issues

- b. Newsletter, social media
  - b. Doing well, many followers on IG and FB. active and interesting
- 7. Arboretum
  - a. Some beds need attention
  - b. Joe Ulrich will trim trees for CTEs
  - c. Bed #9 has pumpkins
  - d. Eagle Scout project to build a water feature is coming along
    - a. Rex will present the project at the Twilight concerts to the public to help raise awareness
    - b. Need to discuss the size of the feature
  - e. Maintenance, inspections, general upkeep (monthly assignments) All good
    - a. New shed to be built, water system, parking space paving

Brick installation: Kathy Sheridan ordered 9 bricks – hoping we can install before Dumont Day. need to follow up.
- 8. Tree Nursery – update from Mary Normoyle, Nursery Manager
  - a. Fence project – DPW will drill the fence holes; benches are there
    - a. 200 Gallon water tank and hose
- b. Mulching - DONE

### **Regular Business**

#### 9. Tree Maintenance

- a. DPW Acting Superintendent: Anthony Schiraldi
  - a. Arboretum needs bumpers and paving for Parking lot
  - b. Discussed with Carole Stewart, getting this in budget... planning ahead for the money
- 10. Tree permits – many coming in tom is handling them; Rachel and Tanya expressed interest in helping out. Need to learn how to do the inspections
- 11. Update from FOTST – meeting, fundraising, activities and projects
  - c. We have \$4,413.74 in account
  - d. Need to switch from Mike K to Sally have to contact GoDaddy; Sally needs to reach out and get the passwords and info from Mike... so far not able to do so.
- a. Adopt-A-Tree – Plan for spring; Johnny and Janey Appleseed recruits
  - a. Discussed having a Tree planting contest in one of the grades in the schools. The class that gets the most adopt-a-trees wins something... (lets move this along again in August meeting.

#### 12. Other Open Business

NONE

Closed meeting at 8:49pm (Rachel/Tanya)

#### 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)

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