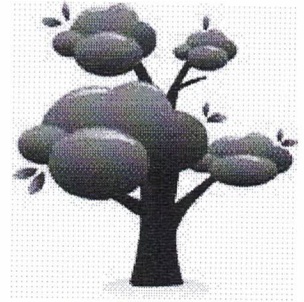




Minutes

DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION

11/19/2018



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

Call to Order: Tom/Tanya 7:30

1. DIAL commissioners that are participating remotely - NONE

In attendance: Kathy Zitelli, Bill Zitelli, Carole Stewart, Mary Normoyle, Ray Slaman, Abbie Slaman, Rachel Bunin, Tanya Zimmerman, Tara Barker, Tom Fisichella, Veronica Greco, Sally Tayeb

2. Review Prior Meeting Minutes – Accepted Ray/Tanya

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

199 New York Avenue – 2 trees coming down for new development

37 Concord_ permission denied b/c of NJ Waterways DEP regulations have to trim not cut

Central and Larch. historic house may/most likely will come down, Ray will try to influence so tree doesn't come down, MAY BE A HERITAGE TREE

4. Swear in Mary Normoyle for post of Commissioner. Re-appoint Tom F. through 2023. Need welcome packets. We now have 7 F/T Commissioners and 2 Alternates

5. 2018 planning

- Wreath making fund raiser (planning underway: Tara in discussion w/ Lupardi's for greens Balsam tips \$65/bunch will get one bunch 50 Lbs. Get Lupardi's sign for the event to show gratitude
- Pine cones from yards, other greenery from around town, will harvest from our yards
- Cookies and snacks to be brought by commissioners
- (Note: minutes written after event: GIANT success!!! See next month's minutes for details)

b. Holiday Train Show December at the Library

- Set up 12/3-12/5 need volunteers
- Transportation
- Advertise that it's free, and accessible

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

- Recap: Mary learned a lot. Valuable interesting very happy that she went.
- Recap: Tanya: a lot of info in a short time, very valuable
- Recap: Ray, Tom, and Rachel: all positive feedback worthwhile conference and presentations
- We will apply for the Tree City award for 2019
- Need a borough employee to be trained

7. Community outreach and communication

- Newsletter for Fall 2018 well received. will have copies at train show and wreath event
- Winter Seminar suggestions March lecture: discussed possible topics for lecture
 - Watershed
 - AmeriCorps
 - Teaneck Creek Programs- Alexa to present (?)
 - How to get open space designations

Data base for tree notices and permit requests—all good on target Newsletter, social media

8. Website – www.dumontshadetree.org Tanya and Rachel are keeping it current; working well

- Data Storage: We are running out of room on the DSTC OneDrive. Need more space; need to find out cost or if we can get free storage from Google somehow

c. New program; identify examples of where trees are benefiting a neighborhood; shade, beauty, storm water mitigation, etc. for a pamphlet/bulletin.

d. New program suggestions for 2019 | have to get through Train Show and Wreath event

Report from Carole Stewart: the land North (and South ??) of Arboretum currently zoned for Light industrial use (not open space or park) so JLUB has to approve the change in zoning to open space and CSX has involvement in this as well. Mary is working on this through the council.

8. Arboretum

- Trees are wintering well
- Need to ask DPW not to plow into trees
- Winter/holiday decorations going up | Maria and Barbara on decorating
- Maintenance, inspections, general upkeep (monthly assignments)

b. water system, parking space paving

- Rex Water feature running a little behind schedule
 - Plans to get rocks from D'Angelo Development (??)
 - Waiting for permits
 - Water source for irrigation

c. Brick installation

- Planned for 11/25
 - (Note: minutes written after event: installation and decorating went very well)

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

- Going well, we will be judicious about orphan trees.
- Mulch done by Mary and Danny
- Got 2 tons of chips from Rob Guilles
- Ray and Mary used Garden fabric then mulch Need to do backs of trees too
- Fence project Ray says the “fence will be up before the end of 2018” ☺ needs DPW to dig holes

10. Adopt a tree fall planting - summary

- 23 planted: 7 at Memorial Park
- Service Berry tree planted for Mrs. Greco at Memorial Park; was a lovely ceremony for Greco family
- Need to get word out re: Spring Planting

11. Trees at the Park:

- Deer are killing our trees; Ray/Tom will put a protective barrier around trunks of trees at risk; piping to go around ginkos to protect them

Regular Business

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

- Scholarship: Rachel contacted DHS. will have an application in to the DHS Guidance dept in time for applications
- Scholarship committee: Rachel, Tanya, Bill, Abbie

12. Tree Maintenance

- Grant School/Cresskill Avenue losing a tree; Dumont will get reimbursement (??)

a. DPW Superintendent: Anthony Schiraldi, Arborist Dennis Dennis Banoff

13. Tree permits on target

15. December meeting at the SENIOR CENTER : meeting closed at 8:54pm Tanya/Rachel