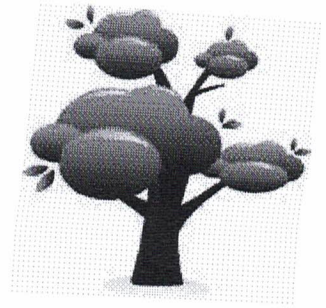




Meeting Minutes

DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION

1/14/2019



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

Call to Order Tom F: 7:30/ 2nd Rachel B.

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

1. DIAL commissioners that are participating remotely - NONE
2. Review Prior Meeting Minutes accepted as written by Abbie and Tom
3. Discussion of homeowner issues/questions
 - Charles and East Linden discussion
 - 106 Virginia
 - Have to log all property issues so we can follow-up on the website
 - Stumps: 30+ done this month; DPW is now trying to do the stump at the same time the tree comes down
 - Carole Stewart said Dumont now in shared service agreement for crane with other towns
4. New Commissioner:
 - Swore in Mary Normoyle for post of Commissioner! WELCOME! Got pictures. nice ceremony. 3-year post as a Shade Tree Commissioner.
5. 2019 planning and 2018 recap
 - a. Train Show – recap
 - EXCELLENT reviews, great success over 581 attended
 - Federal inspector came on last day
 - Lots of kids and train aficionados
 - \$98 raised for FOTST
 - b. Winter Seminar
 - Discussion of possible topics and speakers
 - Date set for 3/11/19
 - Possible topics: Climate/ Trees Ray working on getting a speaker
6. Grants and funds for new projects
 - Tom will get an estimate for cost of a possible water source for irrigation at the Arboretum. We will try to apply for grant \$\$\$
 - TD grant for sprinkler
 - Land by nursery is in dispute. Ownership is unclear by Crystal Diner. Trying to get Greenspace designation
 - The connecting land b/w Circle Diner and Sorosis Park is a walkway not a roadway
7. Community outreach and communication
 - Website – www.dumontshadetree.org Tanya/Rachel updating. Will put calendar on website
 - Newsletter, social media working well

- DSTC and FOTST calendar didn't make it into the printed Borough Calendar (apologies all around) so the Borough will place the calendar on the dumontnj.gov website (rachel will provide the document)
- We will ask if the DSTC can get a whole page in the 2020 Borough calendar
 - (who will ask this?)
- We need to make calls for volunteers at our events, not just on newsletter and media. Will try to do so at Seminar and Arbor Day
 - WIX notices need some 'tweaking' Ray is working on it
- Eagle Scout project - update Scout is waiting for permits; rocks delivered from Farm construction

8. Arboretum

- Maintenance, inspections, general upkeep (monthly assignments) water system, parking space paving – Would like funding for paving. unlikely in this year's budget. Maybe can get a grant for posts as a deterrent

Inspection calendar for 2019 as follows:

Arboretum Inspection Assignments 2019				
January	Tom F.		July	Bill and Kathy Z
February	Tara B.		August	Tanya
March	Mary N.		September	Bill and Kathy Z
April	Ray S.		October	Abbie S.
May	Tanya		November	Rachel B.
June	Sally		December	Tara B.

Brick installation -

- 23 new orders came in before price increase
- Will be installed in Spring.
- Sally is the Brick go-to-person
- We have a 'Rosie the Riveter' in Dumont. She ordered bricks and talked w/ Sally

Arbor Day 2019

- Date is 4/27/19
- 10th Anniversary of Arboretum!
- Can we get a banner across Washington Avenue for event?
 - Need to ask DPW Schiraldi
- Tanya has great ideas for school engagement for Art Project
- Maybe present art differently? Engage more participants

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

- Trees are dormant
- Deer have topped off the trees-
 - will come up with a working deterrent- Tree repellant from Lupardis
- Mulching will be done in spring
- Fencing will be done in spring

10. Adopt a tree spring planting plan
 - had 23 trees planted in Fall 2018
 - hoping for two plantings in 2019 | Spring and Fall

Regular Business

11. Update from FOTST – meeting, fundraising, activities and projects
 - Annual meeting was held 1/7/19
 - Assigned board members
 - Reviewed mission and plans for 2019
 - Financials were presented by Sally
 - Scholarship fund is well funded; Rachel working with DHS to get applicants
 - Scholarship committee for 2019: Rachel, Abbie, Tanya, Bill, Tara
 - FOTST meetings scheduled for 1st Monday of every even month
 - Bill has schedule of events, given to Rachel for calendar publication
 - Considering family sponsor tree posts at arboretum
12. Tree Maintenance – 2018 summary
 - Data base for tree notices and permit requests
 - Tom: catching up
 - Tanya and Rachel will go with Tom on inspections; he just has to call and if Tanya or Rachel are in town, we will meet him to learn to take some of the pressure off
 - DPW Superintendent: Anthony Schiraldi, Arborist Dennis Banoff
13. Tree permits – 2018 summary – 151 permits in 2018 for 250 trees, able to save 12 trees we have a database of 5 full years of permits
14. Other Open Business – NONE
15. February meeting at the SENIOR CENTER

Meeting closed 8:47p Mary/Rachel