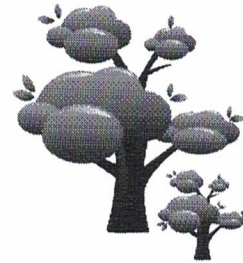


Meeting Minutes
DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION
3/18/2019



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

Call to Order Tom Fisichella: 7:30 p.m./ 2nd Tanya Zimmerman.

In attendance: Commissioners Tom Fisichella, Mary Normoyle, Abbie Slaman, Ray Slaman, Sally Tayeb, Tanya Zimmerman;
 Ed Doering, Veronica Greco, Kathy Zitelli, Bill Zitelli;
 Councilman Andrew LaBruno, Arborist Joseph Ulrich
 Excused: Commissioner Rachel Bunin

There was a quorum.

1. All commissioners were present or excused; none were participating by phone.
 2. It was moved by President Ray Slaman and seconded by Commissioner Tanya Zimmerman that the Minutes of the previous meeting of February 12, 2019 were accepted as written.

3. Homeowner issues:

- Discussion regarding *Sidewalks and Trees*: recommendations are generally to preserve the tree if healthy. We will accept reports from CTE/arborists for consideration. Each case is treated objectively after all inspections are made.
- There was a tree on Massachusetts Ave. which was taken down; it was determined that Haworth has jurisdiction in the ROW on both sides of that street.
- Ed Doering, a Dumont resident introduced himself. He is interested in what the commission does, and he likes trees.

4. ARBOR DAY

10th Anniversary of the Arboretum

- Tanya reported that all is in process: the Art Poster contest (with an Adopt-a-Tree theme) has a 4/8/2019 due date. Winning posters will be duplicated and displayed in town, and we have quite a few new sponsors. Social Media advertising will launch in April.
- Yard sign design has been agreed on and 40 will be ordered at a cost of approx. \$299
- *Award of Merit* discussion: a long-time sponsor of the event will be chosen.
- Tree will probably be an evergreen, and be planted in the Heritage section.
- Flag Ceremony will be led by BSA Troop 64 and GS troop(s) also will be participating, National Anthem performer recommended by EMC Studio, Mayoral proclamation, special thank you's.

- FotST will have a table, selling plants (white pumpkin plants), other garden items
- Prep, maintenance, fresh soil, sound system will be requested through Tara.

5. Community outreach and communication

- The Spring 2019 (Volume 7; Issue 1) Shade Tree News has gone to print with additional distribution via websites and e-blast. Thank you Rachel Bunin for another beautiful issue!
- Request that Anthony Schiraldi's posts about wood available for residents share in the DSTC Facebook page.
- Abbie requested go-ahead to order same quantity (2,000) of custom-imprinted seed packets as last year for the Memorial Day parade. Vendor: 4imprint. Cost: \$700.

6. Arboretum

Inspections: Mary Normoyle will advise if anything is out of the ordinary. Veronica has volunteered to inspect in May. The new inspection calendar has been updated as follows:

Inspection Calendar for 2019	
Jan	Tom F.
Feb	Tara B.
Mar	Mary N.
Apr	Ray S.
May	Veronica G.
June	Sally T.
July	Bill and Kathy Z.
Aug	Tanya Z.
Sep	Bill and Kathy Z.
Oct	Abbie S.
Nov	Rachel B.
Dec	Tara B.

- Tom Fisichella—the borough still looking into a water system and parking space paving. He is told that holes will be patched.
- Sally Tayeb—23 bricks for installation after Arbor Day, and one more brick order arrived today.

7. Tree Nursery: Mary Normoyle—The nursery has room for new plantings. Deer repellent will be attempted. Mulch will be spread. The raised bed worked very well for seedlings and Tom has a new source for soil. Fencing is planned for the Spring.

8. Adopt-A-Tree:

- Ray Slaman—Spring planting plans: Hopefully the postcard campaign will spark interest, as we do not have a long list of requests.

- Sally Tayeb presented two design ideas for the Adopt-a-Tree postcard mailing. All but two preferred the design with the row of trees, instead of the single tree. Cost will be \$270.00 to print the required number of postcards, plus approx. \$300.00 to mail to every address in town.

Regular Business

9. Update from FOTST:

- April 1st will be a talk by Elaine Silverstein from the Glen Rock Shade Tree Committee, speaking on native plants.
- June 3rd the Garden Committee will have annual sharing of perennials
- October 7th the Garden Committee will host a terrarium making event
- December 2nd annual wreath-making event to benefit the scholarship fund.
- Anna F. proposed an art show to be held this summer.

10. Tree Maintenance: Tom Fisichella—

If anyone spots any stumps, please alert Tom so he can have DPW remove them. Memorial Park woods will be thinned, dead trees removed, stumps removed and cleaned.

11. Tree permits: Ray Slaman—

- This year to date we have not received as many permits as this time last year. The process is working; more trees are being saved. Others are being approved and appropriate to be taken down.
- There was discussion as to our permit fee, compared to other towns that have sliding scales of fees in different categories (size of tree, hearth of tree, reasons for removal, etc.) We will revisit this to see what might be more appropriate and best for our borough.

12. Other Open Business

- Discussion about sending reminders about our events via our e-mail list, since we were left off the borough calendar this year.
- Several commissioners have expressed interest in attending a NJ Tree Foundation training titled "Right Tree, Right Place" on April 12th in Hackensack.

13. The next meeting of the DSTC will be April 15th at the SENIOR CENTER.

Tanya Zimmerman moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Mary Normoyle seconded.