



# Minutes

## DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION

10/21/2019 Monday, 7:30-9 pm Dumont Senior Center Dumont, NJ 07628

Call to Order Rachel/Mary 7:30 Tom is running the meeting; Ray is in England  
In attendance: Rachel Bunin, Tom Fisichella, Abbie Slaman, Mary Normoyle  
Arrived late: Homeowners Francine Armentano and Chris Armentano 32 Fern Street

2019	
Jan	Tom F.
Feb	Tara B.
Mar	Mary N.
Apr	Ray S.
May	Veronica
Jun	Sally
Jul	Bill and Kathy Z
Aug	Tanya
Sep	Bill and Kathy Z
Oct	Abbie S.
Nov	Rachel B.
Dec	Tara B.

1. DIAL commissioners that are participating remotely NONE
2. Review Prior Meeting Minutes Accepted September and August submitted by Rachel ; Ray can send to Sue Connolly at Borough Hall for posting

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

#### a. Trees that came down in the recent wind storm –

- Dumont lost 4 big mature growth trees
- 281 West Madison
- 47 Moore Street (tree narrowly missed the house, destroyed 2 cars in driveway
- Backyard of Linden/Madison
- Most damage in North West quad of town

#### b. 170 Linden is a casebook example of why we need an ordinance to protect against clearcutting

### HOMEOWNERS FROM 32 FERN STREET: ARMENTANOS

- Borough tree, a large white oak is tilting more and more towards house, homeowners have contacted boro several times, very concerned about safety of tree
- Tom will inspect this week, seems one branch has tree off balance, maybe just remove that large branch b/c a heritage tree
- Tree is on corner of Locust side yard

### 4. End of year agenda discussion

- a. recap up of terrarium event – was very well attended (need to get final \$\$\$ from Sally
- b. Wreath making plans – Need to confirm with Tara what she needs for the event

### 5. NJ Shade Tree Federation conference

- a. Atlantic City 10/24,25 Harrah's; Bill, Kathy attend CORE, Ray attend day 2

### 6. Community outreach and communication

- a. Dumont Boro calendar – Carole confirm that we are included was not at meeting; can Kathy Romeo confirm? Jeanine sent confirmation of the Page for DSTC via email

- b. Website – [www.dumontshadetree.org](http://www.dumontshadetree.org)

- i. Data base for tree notices and permit requests – Tom says he is NO LONGER is able to use the database. Is using paper and a paper folder. We need to fix this. He suggests calling in a database guy he knows. (name Joe ??) Rachel suggested she meet with Tanya to figure out what is going on.

- c. Newsletter, social media Rachel and Abbie are on this.

- FB working well for events.

- Newsletter for Fall will be out December and include Fence Project, Terrarium event, Plantings,

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## 7. Arboretum

### a. Maintenance, inspections, general upkeep (monthly assignments)

Abbie posted her report for October, attaching to this minutes document

— Arboretum water project: Water project going in Rex Harvilla is moving along well with construction. Won't have water source. Concern b/c very shallow? What if runs dry? Tom said the guys working on this know and have done this before so no problem won't run dry. We need to keep an eye on this

— QR code on Gazebo goes to a dead URL. Who is taking care of this? Sally? How can we redirect the QR code to a valid address?

— Knock out roses need pruning

— Discussion on best way to prune, Abbie noted that the DPW used chain saws or some method not pruning shears to trim and did more harm to the roses. Abbie sent a URL to Tom to show best way to prune so roses thrive. Need to pass along to DPW so they don't chop them up again

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### b. New gardeners/volunteers: Try to get Phil Malonosky

### c. Community use of the Arboretum – not sure what this is? New projects?

d. Brick sales Bricks not installed from Dumont Day. Hoping to install before the snow. One new brick order came in? others? Sally was not at meeting. Will catch up next meeting.

## 8. Tree Nursery – update from Mary Normoyle, Nursery Manager

Tom had a new sign for Nursery. Gave it to Mary. Suggested putting in Boro hall?

Mary looking for someone to take over manager position

### a. Maintenance / weeding

### b. Mulching

### c. Fence project (!)

— : Tom had made beautiful finials for fence posts and tree cutouts to be placed on fence.

— Painting by Tara need to ask her

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### d. Second raised bed

## **Regular Business**

### 9. Tree Maintenance;

Tom has report, will get digital version to post with notes (Tom to send to Rachel)

DPW Superintendent: Anthony Schiraldi, Arborist Dennis Banoff

### 10. Tree permits

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

Sally not present

### 12. Other Open Business

### 13. 11/18/2019 meeting at the SENIOR CENTER

Meeting closed 8:44pm Rachel/Mary



## ARBORETUM REPORT October 2019 FROM Abbie Slaman:

### General:

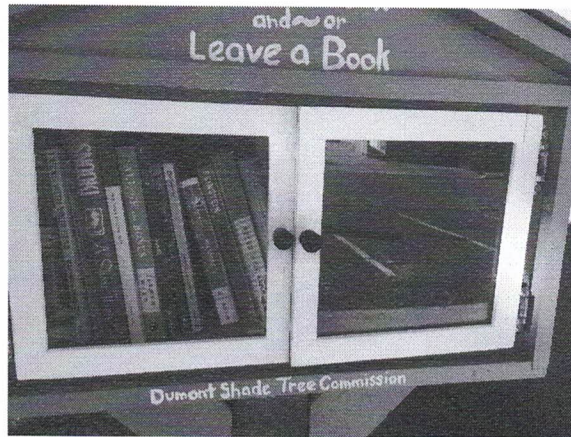
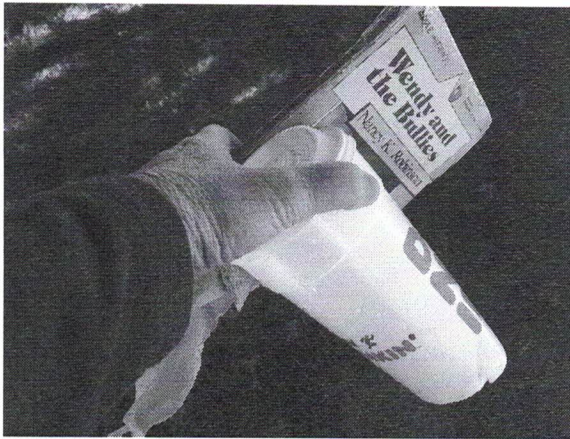
Garden Beds looked good, well tended and planted, thanks to the volunteers and their work.

### Trash:

Minimal clean-up was required at northern end.

### Little Library:

Was half-empty, and one of the paperback books was found wet from the rain, on the ground (put in the trash).

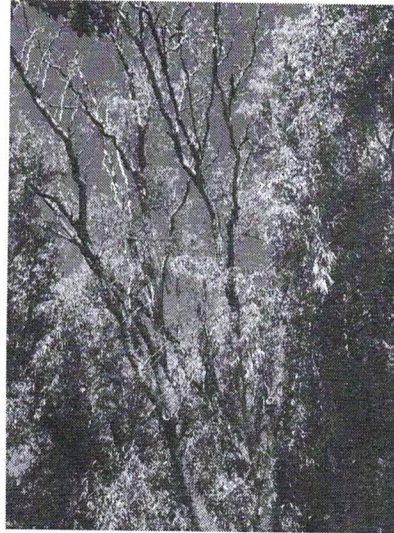


### Mature Trees:

Large pin-oak has crossed limb which needs to be removed before it compromises the structure of the one it rests upon. This has been reported for several years

Corkscrew Willow has many dead areas that need to be attended to.





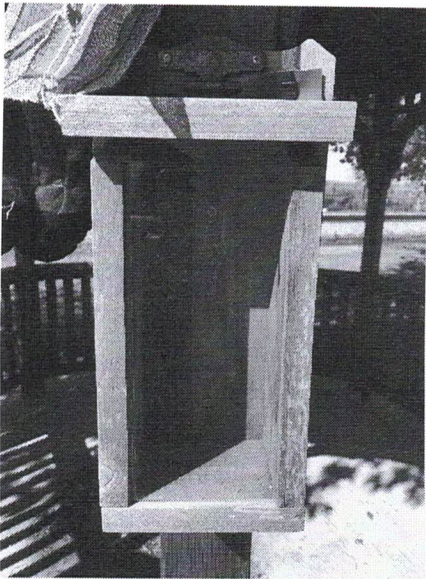
#### Knock-out Roses:

Have been suffering from poor pruning techniques. Please refer to <https://www.knockoutroses.com/faqs> for proper care. Chain saws are not correct pruning tools. Clean, sharp, pruning tools must be used. Also, deadheading is not necessary for Knock-out Roses. Some plants have crushed or mangled canes and some plants have died.



#### Gazebo:

The box for the Buy-a-Brick flyers is empty.



The QR code leads to a non-existent web page.



Eagle Scout Project:

Rex and his support team were working over the weekend and installation is underway!



Respectfully submitted, Abbie Slaman