



Meeting minutes

Inspection calendar for 2020	
Jan	Kathy and Bill
Feb	Tom
Mar	Abbie
Apr	Ray
May	Kathy Z
Jun	Sally
Jul	Tanya
Aug	Tanya
Sep	Abbie
Oct	Mary
Nov	Rachel
Dec	Tara

DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION
3/16/2020
Monday, 7:30-9 pm
Zoom meeting -Covid-19 Edition
Dumont, NJ 07628

Call to Order Tom/Ray 7:30pm

1. ALL participants are participating remotely (COVID 19 quarantine) a. ZOOM bridge
<https://attpm.zoom.us/j/9159594987> and dial audio 713-353-0212, Conference code 998071

Attending: Rachel Bunin, Ray Slaman, Abbie Slaman, Tom Fisichella, Tara Barker, Tanya Zimmerman

2. Review Prior Meeting Minutes - accepted.

3. COVID 19 update – many events cancelled. Stay at home order.

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

- o 11 Richard Drive
- o 223 Sunset and Medford corner home: homeowner wants to fix sidewalk, remove tree. DSTC will pay for ½ of removal and tree replacement. Great solution partnership in payment.

✦ Harlan Court a homeowner (new just moved in) wants to take down a healthy 90' oak (Ray working in the ordinance for non – borough trees, this is a perfect example of why we need this ordinance)

5. New year agenda discussion; 2020 programs—many cancelled for now, will attempt virtual and social distancing for those not cancelled. postponed the lecture

b. **Review DPW luncheon** (Feb 14) was very well received. Catered from Italian Connection. Caroline accepted the food. Tara Barker brought flowers, Abbie brough water and other goodies. Anthony was very happy and thankful. Was a good thing, looking forward to next year and continued good partnership with our DPW.

Seminar planning – Cancelled for now, maybe have a lecture later in year if possible

- **b. Arbor Day (April 25)**--Contest update, Merit Award Recipient, Scouts, Music, Water Feature, Tree planting
- There is an 8-week moratorium on public gatherings
- ✦ May do a planting... just a few DSTC people there. Livestream through Facebook an option. Planting a small tree in spot where the Dogwood was. London plane tree suggested by Tom
- ✦ No word on water feature progress
- ✦ Take the Art Contest online
- ✦ Possible dates for reschedule didn't work out
- ✦ Art contest: Library has several entries. The library was closed before Tanya could pick up the art. Discussed what to do. Tara has a connection at the library and was able to get the art when the building opened for brief time! Thank you Tara. Now we are encouraging online submissions. FB will promote the new poster as will our website. No longer a contest.
- ✦ No bookmarks this year
- ✦ No bags this year

- ✿ The 2020 Merit Award voted on unanimously goes to our 2020 Dumont Council President and DSTC liaison from 2017(?) - 2019 Carole Stewart. **CONGRATULATIONS CAROLE!!!** We deserved! Well earned. We will present the award when we can gather next. Will order her brick for the Arboretum.

6. Community outreach and communication

- a. Website – www.dumontshadetree.org will update with Arbor Day Art contest poster and other images
- b. Newsletter, social media
Facebook very active, excellent way to keep in touch
Will use to get word out on the Art Contest changes for Arbor Day (am attaching updated flyer to this minutes)
IG is also active

7. Arboretum

- ✿ a. Maintenance, inspections, general upkeep (monthly assignments) – Abbie is on schedule for March. Will do an inspection later this month
- ✿ Order is in for Lupardi's mulch
- ✿ Visions Credit union has given a donation to pay for the mulch previous years. We will ask again for this year.
- b. New gardeners/volunteers
from Bill Z:

Hello everyone, I hope all are safe and well. I just wanted to let you know that the arboretum is one of the few spaces in town that is not closed, so if you need to get outside and enjoy the spring weather, there's no better place. All the knockout roses were pruned in February and the beds are starting to bloom. So, if you want to get out of the house, head to the arboretum and you can even start sprucing up your bed. There are already some weeds starting to crop up. The mulch has been ordered, but everything is on hold right now, so I'll let you know when we get the go ahead. Please enjoy while keeping your social distance and hope to see you soon. Bill Z

- c. Brick sales - one additional brick sold, still have to install bricks from last year

8. Tree Nursery –

Phil Malinowski a. Maintenance / weeding – No updates Wooden tree décor are on the fence posts
tom will take a picture for next newsletter and the website (maybe also for FB)
Mulching

- ✿ Dedication. On hold
- ✿ Second raised bed -- On hold

Regular Business

- 9. DSTC budget: Arbor Day, Education, tree planting, other projects
 - ✿ Ray is hoping that the budget will be the same as last year
 - ✿ Kathy Romeo (before the lockdown) will only work Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays for the next five weeks.
 - ✿ Abbie ordered our new DSTC 'lady' shirts
 - ✿ Tom: up to date for non-emergency inspections but needs help on re-inspections for about 30-35 trees. Tanya and Rachel available to help

✿ Several trees were taken down in Memorial Park. Rec will pay for replacing with 3" caliper trees

10. Tree Maintenance

✿ Tree issues are on hold during the COVID-19 lock down

DPW Superintendent: Anthony Schiraldi, Arborist Dennis Banoff

11. Tree permits: 2019=151 (2018=116)

✿ Borough trees taken without permits- we are issuing summonses/ fines:

✿ Quackenbush and Short

✿ East Linden

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

Scholarship uncertain. DHS is closed. Deadline was March 13 so don't know what will happen. Not sure about the entire process or event.

13. Other Open Business

14. April 20th (NOTE last meeting before Arbor Day) meeting at the SENIOR CENTER (we hope).

Meeting closed by Tanya/ Abbie

Updated!



Dumont Shade Tree Commission
announces

ARBOR DAY 2020 ONLINE POSTER DISPLAY

**Design an eye-catching poster that showcases the theme
“How Trees Keep Dumont Green”**

Due to the current situation, the Arbor Day Poster Contest as previously announced has been changed to an online display and celebration. Artwork previously submitted to the library has been received and will be shared through our website and social media accounts. We are working to retrieve artwork that was submitted to the schools.

We are accepting additional submissions of artwork through April 20, 2020!

Participation is open to all students who live in Dumont, K–12th grade.

See instructions below for how to participate.

All submissions will posted and shared via the Dumont Shade Tree Commission Facebook page, Instagram account and www.dumontshadetree.org in celebration of Arbor Day.

WHY PLANT TREES?

Trees provide:

- shade & reduced cooling costs in summer
- beautiful fall colors, flowers, summer greenery
- more oxygen & less air pollution
- a reduction in rainwater runoff & basement flooding
- a reduction in carbon footprint to offset global warming
- Visit our website:
www.dumontshadetree.org
for more info on trees and how to protect the canopy

How to participate:

- Create a poster with any medium/materials. The design must showcase the theme, **“How Trees Keep Dumont Green.”**
- Secure the artwork to a door or wall, hold your camera parallel (to reduce distortion) and take a photo. Save the image as a jpg as large as possible but not more than 10MB.
- **Email the image to:** tzimmerman@dumontboro.org. Please include the following information in the email: student's name, home address, age, grade and school.
- Individual submissions only, please, **NO GROUPS.**
- The **deadline** to submit an image is **April 20, 2020.**
- All contestants agree to allow their entry to be displayed on the DSTC Facebook page, Instagram account and website. An image of the poster may be included in other publications, free or for sale, for the benefit of the Dumont Shade Tree Commission.
- DSTC reserves the right to return or not accept any submission it deems not acceptable or does not follow the rules.
- Artwork may be any size. Just keep in mind that the artwork will need to be photographed and emailed.

Thank you for your support and participation!

For more information visit www.dumontshadetree.org