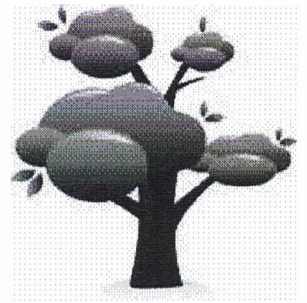




# Meeting Minutes



## DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION

6/15/2020 Monday, 7:30-9 pm

ZOOM remote meeting Dumont, NJ 07628

Call to Order: 7:30 Tanya Z, Tom F.

**1. ALL participants are participating remotely (COVID 19 quarantine)**

a. ZOOM bridge <https://attpm.zoom.us/j/91881415545> Telephone: Dial: 713 353 0212 / 998071

Rachel Bunin, Ray Slaman, Abbie Slaman, Tom Fisichella, Tanya Zimmerman, Conor Gorman, Kathy Zitelli, Bill Zitelli

Conference code:

### 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

**2. Review Prior Meeting Minutes** Abbie Accepted/ Ray Second

Ray: will send prior minutes (all of 2019?) and first half 2020 to Sue at Dumont BoroHall for posting on dumontnj.gov

**3. COVID 19 update** – DSTC is still following the NJ State and local guidelines.

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

Seems some requests are coming to Ray directly, important to send all requests from homeowners through dumontshadetree.org

Properties discussed:

- 45 Sherwood
- Corner Essex and Stratford: Ray investigating if a Boro tree or not

**5. Concerts at the Gazebo** – likely a virtual event. a. Ideas, participants, logistics; Facebook live. Ray is working on it with Erin to get a full slate for safe and fun events

Tanya: Lawn signs out? (maybe not want to keep crowds down, will just post on FB and IG)

**6. Summer activities** – Some Gardening... Concerts (see above) many activities are cancelled. Car show will be July 18. No fee to show a car. Just invited people, safe and socially distant.

**7. Community outreach and communication**

a. Website – [www.dumontshadetree.org](http://www.dumontshadetree.org) Tanya will update with Arbor Day video (need MP4?) and will keep adding content from summer events.

b. Newsletter: Rachel will send Conor the link to the newsletters on the shade tree website and he will ask Sue Connolly to post the link from the Shade Tree page on dumontnj.gov

### social media

#### SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS

Facebook: 537 people like our page 543 people follow our page BLM post reached 3,192 people

Instagram 250 followers 406 posts

Twitter 120 followers

Our last post was a retweet with our own comment: DO NOT TOP TREES!

YouTube 12 subscribers last post 3 years ago

**8. Arboretum**

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

Sally report:

Arbor Day Dogwood needs TLC

Crabapple needs TLC

Roses were hit w/ spider mites. All roses are pruned and sprayed and fertilized

Water feature, irises have been relocated

Hornbeam and Stewartia are dead

Corkscrew willow is getting big!

We need more Garbage pails (Tom will ask Anthony)

Tinpot hides the garden hose at the southern end

b. New gardeners/volunteers -- Bill sending out emails welcoming all the new gardeners.

c. Brick installation / Brick sales: Trying to safely install. Hoping for early summer

9. Tree Nursery –

a. Maintenance / weeding We need more volunteers to maintain.

Veronica has come in to weed.

Trees in raised bed are doing well.

Tom F will take a Redbud for front yard

Dedication of nursery: looking for a formal date, given situation will have to wait for now

### **Regular Business**

10. DSTC budget: per Conor Gorman we have same as last year

Arbor Day, The Arbor Day video is on our YouTube channel ...

[https://youtu.be/7\\_c9o5DDB6o](https://youtu.be/7_c9o5DDB6o)

tree planting, DeLong Ave., other projects – Uncertainty due to pandemic

DeLong Ave Trees were Defunded. no explanation.

Education: to keep credits and CEUS, we need to take online courses. we should keep an eye out for valid courses and share among commissioners.

11. Tree Maintenance

Tom: we have twice as many dead borough trees this year and in years past. Kathy Romeo is fielding calls for replacement trees. Evan Covillo at Millennium partners has to keep an eye out for \$\$\$ to make this happen and keep our town green.

DPW Superintendent: Anthony Schiraldi, Arborist Dennis Banoff

12. Tree permits – due to pandemic no permits in March or April, but then in May 30 permits came in and we had to give homeowners permission to remove some of the trees... some were saved.

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

Scholarships were given to Rex Harvilla and Rebecca Graf (Senior Night was virtual on Zoom) we haven't heard from either recipient if they got the checks yet.

Meetings: ideas for open yards for Garden Club: come to the house, visitation tours, safe distancing

Stop and Shop reusable bag fundraiser in effect in July. Sally and Abbie working on the graphics.

Rachel and Abbie will post on IG and FB.

14. Other Open Business

15. July 20<sup>th</sup> will be AT THE GAZEBO – maybe.

/Closed meeting 8:46pm Tom/Tanya second motion