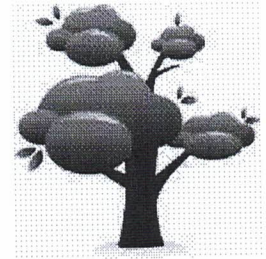




Minutes

DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION

7/17/23
Monday, 7:30 PM
Arboretum
West Shore Ave., Dumont, NJ



In Attendance: Tom Fisichella, Wayne Cahilly, Sally Tayeb, John Russell, Veronica Greco, Sasha Attanasio, Stephanie Petriello, Tanya Zimmerman, Joe Armentano

Call to Order: 7:32 pm Sally/Wayne

1. Review and approve prior meeting minutes from June 19, 2023: accepted: Sally/Stephanie
2. Tree Removals on List/Risk Assessment Plan and Inclusion of Sidewalk Remediation: Need update from DPW.
3. Grant Application, William J. Porter Community Tree Project Award, NJ Shade Tree Federation, up to 2,500.00 awarded: Thank you to Dennis (DPW) for filling out the application with assistance from Tanya. Emailed June 30th, confirmation received.
4. NJ Tree Foundation Fall/Spring planting: Need to supply outline for a quote. Will need to work with DPW. Dennis was emailed. Will follow up.
5. Homeowner Issues/Borough Tree Issues: homeowner at 32 Fern St. (corner of Locust) was in attendance. Had tree inspected by the boro about 10 yrs ago. Would like a new inspection, possibly a large Oak, branches over the house. Wayne will take a look and confirm via email with homeowner, DPW and DSTC.
6. Davies Tree Survey: ~800 trees inspected to date. We can possibly add more data from previous survey 10+ yrs ago. Hours need to be added to Google doc set up by Rachel for tracking our volunteer hours.
7. Budget Update: \$8,000 for this year. John to confirm. We need to know exactly what costs are paid for by the DSTC budget.
8. Memorial Tree(s) for BOE Garden: TBD
9. FOTST Report: new members voted in. 3 forms to be filed, state charities annual registration & report and annual tax return.
 - Arboretum Water Feature Pump: Tom wants to look at pump again. He feels it is a shaft failure and therefore a manufacturing defect. Rex has purchased and installed a new pump via funding from the FOTST.
 - Bricks: a few new orders have come in. Need to find a new vendor. Veronica checking and Tanya will call Crown trophy.
 - Garden Beds: need at least 4 more caretakers. Everyone is to think of ways to attract caretakers and report at the next meeting. Suggestions—ask Beautification Committee (Tom), ask PTAs/PTOs (Stephanie), ask Fire stations and use new recruits (Sasha).
 - Monthly Arboretum Inspections: Jackie sent a detailed report. Trash picked up, beds need weeding, signage needed, all as reported last month. (Veronica is Aug.)

10. Additional business:

- John Russell reported that the DPW does have a tank for watering that fits on the back of the dump truck. Re: new trees planted in New Milford where trees were removed, purchased by the homeowner! Suggestion to implement that process where trees are removed due to sidewalk issues.
- CORE Training: current list of those who are CORE trained provided by NJ Urban & Community Forestry. Training never expires! Need to remove the names of those who no longer work at the DPW, have moved or passed away and send Excel doc back.
- Joe Trentacosta of LillyPops asked about use of the Arboretum and gazebo on 7/20. Sally made a motion to approve use after confirmation of insurance and proceeds, Tanya 2nd, all in favor.
- Reminder to email DPW about dead trees on Depew, Howard & Blauvelt.
- Sept. 9, Dumont Day, Noon–6 PM, our space is reserved. Sasha suggested we create a “Hug-a-Tree” photo op with a QR code that links to our social media with the link #hugatree. All agreed. Have a potted tree and the tree photo board from years past. Will consider doing stepping stones in 2024 as many in the Arboretum have started to disintegrate.

Save the Dates

NJ Tree Federation Annual Conference: Oct. 26 & 27, Cherry Hill, NJ

Annual membership dues: reimbursement form sent to Jeanine and Cathy Romeo at Borough Hall.

Shade Tree Annual Seminar, Nov. 13, Elks, Program TBD

Next meeting, Mon., Aug. 21, 7:30 PM at the ARBORETUM

WHO CAN LEAD? Tanya away, Wayne away. Sally will preside. Main topic will be Dumont Day.

Adjourned at 8:43 PM: Sally/Stephanie