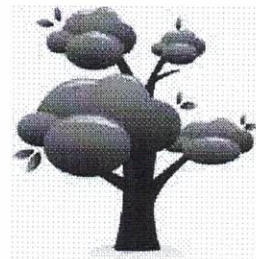




Minutes

DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION
9/18/23
Monday, 7:30 PM
Dumont Borough Hall,
50 Washington Ave., Dumont, NJ



In Attendance: Tom Fisichella, John Russell, Veronica Greco, Stephanie Petriello, Michael Francavilla, Andrew Warta, and Tanya Zimmerman

Call to Order: 7:32 pm Tom/Stephanie

Review and approve prior meeting minutes from July 17, 2023: accepted: Tom/Stephanie

Introductions & Welcome to attending Democrat candidates for commissioners

Grant Application, NJ Shade Tree Federation update—we didn't win, but received a nice email thanking us for applying and complementing the application.

NJ Tree Federation Annual Conference: Oct. 26 & 27, Cherry Hill, NJ. Deadline to register is Oct. 1 or 2. John and Stephanie are able to go. Tanya will ask Sally to register them.

Fall Tree Planting:

Ray to coordinate location in Memorial Park with Dennis. Planting to be coordinated by Ray with Girl Scout Troop. See document with plan. All in agreement.

Tanya coordinating with Dennis for Adopt-a-Tree plantings this Fall.

Will need to work with the DPW to supply an outline for quote to NJ Tree Foundation for Spring 2024 planting in ROW areas where trees were removed with sidewalk issues.

Tree Removals on List/Risk Assessment Plan and Inclusion of Sidewalk Remediation:
Need update from DPW.

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.

Davies Tree Survey: need an update. Deadline extended to Dec.

Monthly Arboretum Inspection: Tom, covering for Rachel. Bed 9 & 11 have a lot of weeds, overgrowth & low branches. Many of the beds need weeding. Dogwood & ornamental grass needs trimming in bed #7, Irises need cut down in bed 6, Knotweed in bed #5. QR codes need updating, beds 2, 4 & 5 need signs, bed #3 looks great, water feature has low amount of water, corkscrew needs trimming.

FOTST:

- Arboretum Water Feature Pump: John and Veronica agreed to handle the closing and opening. They will meet with Rex for instructions. Manual to be distributed.
- Volunteers and a bed manager are needed. Nov. 4 to be a bed clean up event.

Adjourned at 8:47 PM: Stephanie/Tom