

**Dumont Shade Tree Commission**  
**Meeting minutes May 16<sup>th</sup> 2016**  
**Dumont Senior Center 7:30 pm**

**Present-** Abbie Slaman, Kathy Sheridan, Rachel Bunin, Sally Tayeb, Tom Fisichella

**Guest-** Tara Barker

**Absent-** Ray Slaman, Mike Kuhn, Louis DiPaolo, Council Liaison

**Kathy makes a motion to begin the meeting. Abbie Seconds. The meeting begins at 7:30 pm.**

1. **Review Prior Meeting Minutes-** There are no minutes to review.
2. **Discussion of homeowner issues-** There are no homeowners present.
3. **Arbor Day 2016 Summary and Review-** Everyone agrees that the Arbor Day Celebration was one of our best yet. The Art Contest went well and everyone seemed happy. Kathy will get photos to Rachel for use in future newsletters. Sally reports that the Garden Club made around \$100. She is still computing. Rachel brings up that we should limit length of speeches to not lose our audience. Everyone agrees.
4. **Memorial Day Parade-** No one commits but will check their schedules. Abbie says we would meet at 9am at 27 Blanche Court if marching. Everyone should wear their shirts. Abbie brings up the handouts. In past years she ordered seed packets. Her order was 3,000 packets for a cost of \$800. She did not order this year because of our budget cut. Tom has an idea of bookmarks that we could design and print with a theme thanking the Veterans. It is decided that Sally will print and design and Tom will work on cutting them.
5. **Community Outreach-** Rachel says the spring newsletter is done. She needs Mike to send it out to the email list. Abbie wonders if we can use google docs so there is one place to find newsletters. Rachel says she will share with google. Tom asks if there can be a regular garden club article. Rachel says if someone submits content she will put it in.
6. **Arboretum-** Sally says the Garden Committee will have flowers for the flower beds. Visions Federal Credit Union is looking for a community project. Sally mentioned to them the garden bed and sign on Madison Ave. Sally says the bulbs are blooming and we could use more volunteers. The weeds are still coming and we have no mulch. Rachel says at home she uses preen for weeds and has good results. Tom says a DHS Honors student is going to be doing a study at the Arboretum. The subject is noise/train and trees. Tom says the water meter has been returned and the water at the Arboretum is working now. Tom will give Sally the next batch of 12 signs to be made. And install another "pick up after your dog" sign on the north end. Brick Installation still needs to be done.
7. **FOTST-** Sally says the annual meeting will be next January. Tom says the new financial statement needs to be audited. Sally will do an update. Sally says they need to explore fundraising opportunities to replenish the scholarship fund. Abbie thought the brick sales went to scholarship but Kathy says it was never designated to scholarship. The board could vote to use it for scholarship. The two scholarships for 2016 will be given out June 8<sup>th</sup>. Tara, Rachel and Abbie will go to the ceremony to give them out.

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8. **Tree Maintenance**-Tom says he is up to date. He has a print of what he believes is a bear print at the Arboretum. He is working on a butterfly house for the Arboretum. He mentions that if anyone wants to contribute bird seed for the feeders at the arboretum it would be welcomed.
9. **Adopt-A-Tree** – We will see what our budget allows.
10. **Other**- none

**Rachel makes a motion to end the meeting. Sally seconds. Meeting adjourns at 8:38pm.**