



## Meeting Minutes DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION 4/17/23

Monday, 4/17/23 7:30 PM Dumont Borough Hall 50 Washington Ave., Dumont, NJ

Call to Order 7:32pm Tom/Rachel

Attending: Rachel Bunin, Tanya Zimmerman, John Russell, Wayne Cahilly, Tara Barker, Tom Fisichella, Sally Tayeb, Veronica Greco

1. Reviewed and approved prior meeting minutes from March 20, 2023-Rachel 1st/Tom 2nd
2. Swearing in of new commissioner- Wayne Cahilly (Councilman John Russell performed the ceremony) Welcome Wayne! - Tom will give Wayne a DSTC official shirt to wear for our events.

Will reach out to other appointed commissioners not in attendance to plan swearing in for them. Verify contact information.

4. Update on Tree Inventory Program & Tree List- Wayne worked 8 hours on inspections for inventory w/ Dennis and Peter. Rachel will add to spreadsheet of volunteer hours for Grant reimbursement. Google doc to share w/ Tanya.

5. Risk Assessment Plan- to be a part of the Tree Survey. Once get Davies inventory... will be in Tree Keeper software.

6. Wayne will talk to Dennis and Peter at DPW re: Inspecting and Removing Collars that are constricting some of Adopt-a-trees in town. We need to collect all Gator bags from trees. If need tree soil can get from Tenaflly or Demarest (have done so in the past?)

No spring adopt-a-tree. Will do a Fall adopt-a-tree. Veronica was concerned about previous trees that 'didn't make it' we will investigate planting strategies for next event.

7. Memorial Tree for Women's Club of Dumont – will tag tree in Nursery- Dogwood, on Charles Street and Linden Ave. Mrs. Paul will select the spot w/ Tom.

8. Memorial Tree(s) for BOE – discussion w/ BOE for plans. Who pays? Who plants. Tom requesting that BOE be reminded that they have to plant 4-5 trees along Fence by high school as promised when they renovated the track.

9. Monthly Arboretum Inspections- Tom will do June-July? inspections, Sally will inspect in May. we'll pick up calendar next meeting. DPW will restrain the Gazebo (Tom to remind Anthony)

Tree Nursery; Tom will ask DPW to fill water tanks

10. Library "All Together Now" Summer Reading Program Presentation Mondays in June & July—holding Mon., June 26 for us, 6:30 PM–8 PM- WE will participate. All commissioners who can, will attend, brief presentation. Tom will be there w/ his show and tell. Purpose to promote our mission and answer questions for residents (permits, benefits of trees, upcoming events, etc.)

11. Shade Tree Resolution, updates- John: no updates

12. Budget Update John: no updates- Budget information to come soon



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13. Memorial Day Parade—we will participate. Sally will drive her car (banner and Hand out seeds) Rachel will find seed vendor (similar to previous year, zinnias preferred, our mission statement and website printed on packet

14. Concerts at the Arboretum, July—no for now...

15. Save the Dates: NJ Tree Federation Annual Conference: Oct. 26 & 27, Cherry Hill, NJ

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

Question: NJ Tree Federation Annual Membership Dues??? Who has info? Important annual mandated bills, filings should be on a borough calendar that is available to all? Possible in Outlook? Ask Cathy Romeo if possible. (Such as NJ Tree Federation filings, Tree city USA, etc.)

Arbor Day April 29, 2023 Arrive at Gazebo 11 AM to set up.

- Sally has the banner, the sandbags for the art boards and gravel in sandbags
- Flag ceremony - Troop 64 confirmed.
- Girl Scouts - Girl Scouts can say the pledge with the boy scouts help give out tree seedlings.
- National Anthem - Thad McGregor, the Troubadour, along with a few other songs. Bring a mic & speaker
- Proclamation - John Russell to read.
- Merit Award - TBD Rachel and Tanya working on this
- Poster / Art displays - April 20th deadline. Tanya will pick up at the library. Will display on the boards. Use painter's tape to fix to boards. Honiss art teacher participated. Hoping for others.
- Brick Presentation - Hoping to have a printout of the latest bricks to be on display, 6 bricks were installed last week. Need a few flyers. Six blank bricks are with Tom, he will give them to Sally
- Handing out of 100 seedlings - Girl Scouts to do. Planting instructions will be on each one, Rachel and Sally to prepare for distribution. Will Tag with our website
- Hand out all printed DSTC shopping bags until run out. Tanya has them.
- Spotted Lantern Fly cards= Tanya will try to get from NJ Tree Fec.
- Arbor Day Tree - Chokecherry was ordered from Victoria's and they will deliver on 4/27. PO to come from the boro. Will confirm with DPW/Anthony about digging the hole. Wayne and Tom confirmed size and mulch. Hole should be twice as wide and just as deep as ball. Need 2 buckets of garden compost. PSE&G contacted.
- Tree City USA—need an updated "14 Years" for the one near the monument on Madison Ave. Tara working on it, should arrive.
- Arboretum - most of the beds were cleaned up and mulch applied. Garden bed caretakers are needed.

Meeting closed 9pm Sally/Wayne

**Next meeting, Mon., May 15, 7:30 PM at the Borough Hall**