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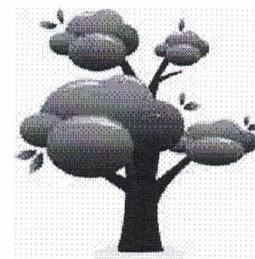
DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION

2/12/24

Monday, 7:30 PM

Tutor's Link

29 Grant Ave., Dumont, NJ 07628



Attendees: Rachel Bunin, John Russell, Jackie Corless, Tara Barker, Daniel LaBarbera, Wayne Cahilly, Jason Allen, Tanya Zimmerman, Tom Fisichella, Stephanie Petriella.

Call to Order : 7:35pm Rachel/Tanya

1. Welcome new Dumont Council liaison, Daniel LaBarbera and introductions for all attendees for new members.
2. Thank you, Stephanie, for hosting the meeting at Tutor's Link!
3. Congrats to Tom who has agreed to continue as a Commissioner for another Term (exp 2027)
4. Review and approve prior meeting minutes from Dec. 18, 2023: Rachel/Wayne
5. Spring Tree Planting: plan to get NJ Tree Foundation involved. Goal 10 trees. Most will likely be from tree removals due to sidewalk issues. Planning for 10+ trees. Will need to get on the schedule with NJ Tree Foundation if we want to use their resources for planting. Daniel LaBarbera asked for an Adopt-a-Tree application for Spring 2024.
6. Davey Tree Survey—need to review tutorial. Dennis, DPW, should be updating database. Also, Cathy Romeo should be able to update using the software
7. Homeowner Issues/Borough Tree Issues, Tree Removals on List/Risk Assessment Plan and Inclusion of Sidewalk Remediation—Accepting Adopt-a-Tree
8. Luncheon for DPW—donations, date: Tara taking lead, collected \$20pp to pay. Tara will contact Italian Connection to provide sandwiches. Jackie will make brownies. Will confirm w/ Anthony at DPW if Friday 2/15 is a good date to deliver the lunch. Historically DSTC hosts a 'Valentines Day Lunch' for our DPW partners. 2/16 is close enough.
9. Planting for new business & residential space at previous Bank of America, Washington Ave. We prefer native. Planting is in narrow strip along north side of building. New business will be a 2-story building w/drive through Dunkin donuts and residential above.
10. Girl Scout Time Capsule reveal at Borough Hall, March 12. Replace tree TBD. Will get Boy scouts involved (Tom Kelly). Discussion on putting a new time capsule w/ artifact into ground.
11. Arbor Day—Sat. April 27, 1 PM, Award of merit (need a recipient—TBD), poster contest, tree planting, tree seedling giveaway—look for nurseries from Liz Stewart. Tanya will take the lead. Location for this year's tree will be in the open spot near the Dogwood which is to be removed.
12. Arboretum Cleanup days (don't want to conflict w/ Baseball. dates selected: Sun. 4/14, 1pm-3pm and Sat. 4/20, 10am-12pm.
13. Will get mulch from Lupardi's again (with donation from Visions). MUCH less mulch is needed than ordered last year.

14. Bricks—new vendor, BRICKS R US, Bricks for John Russell and for Visions Credit Union will be included in the order. Have a few orders to place, next order deadline 2/14—we need to determine how this works (the vendor appears not to be local?)

Decided to keep price at \$150 even though Bricks R Us is less costly than previous vendor. If we see we aren't getting orders, maybe we will have a buy 2 bricks for \$200, TBD. Need to contact Sally and see how this will be done. Tom, Daniel and John volunteered to place bricks in walkway once they arrive. Hoping to have bricks on display at Arbor Day. Need updated flyers at the box at the gazebo.

15. Milkweed Seed Planting with Girl Scouts, date and location TBD. Maybe at Elks? Calvary church? Date set for March 2nd. Tanya has some seeds. Will contact Girls Scouts if interested and availability.

16. Monthly Arboretum Inspections—Tom has volunteered to be the Arboretum/garden bed manager. He will inspect and report each month.

17. Tom shared photos of Dumont's winning holiday tree at Winter Wonderland, Van Saun park. Kudos to Anna F. for making all ornaments. Next year theme: Recycling. Discussion, Tanya and Wayne on where we should plant the balsam fir tree we got from the event (it's ready to be planted).

18. FOTST (Friends of the Shade Tree) Report:

Annual Meeting, TBD

Garden beds—need volunteers for 2024. Clean up dates set, see above

Tom working on new posts for signs, need volunteers to help. David Bunin may be able to make wooden signs. Dan can help with coding QR codes.

Sand and refinish wood bench, Tom to do, early spring

Scholarship: Rachel contacted DHS. we are in the system. Rachel will send copies to Stephanie to share with students from Tutor's Link.

19. Leave the Leaves Campaign- Will present at Council meeting. Want an official 'ordinance' from governing body that it's OK not to rake leaves and place in street for pick up. Can be mulched or just left for spring. Good for birds, insects, animals, grass, etc. Lawn signs and info will be available at Dumont Day to explain to the residents how this works.

20. Filing of forms for 2023-year end, NJ Urban and Community Forestry Program Annual Report (NJUCF) and Tree City USA accreditation. Tanya working with Sally on NJUCF and Tara will pass info to Stephanie for Tree City. A little late but ok to get it in soon.

21. **Next meeting:** Mon., March 18 at the Borough Hall, 7:30 PM, 2nd FI Conference room

22. **Meeting adjourned, 9pm Daniel/Stephanie**