



MINUTES 9/16/2019

DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION Monday, 7:30-9 pm
Dumont Senior Center Dumont, NJ 07628

Inspection calendar for 2019	
Jan	Tom F.
Feb	Tara B.
Mar	Mary N.
Apr	Ray S.
May	Veronica
Jun	Sally
Jul	Bill and Kathy Z
Aug	Tanya
Sep	Bill and Kathy Z
Oct	Abbie S.
Nov	Rachel B.
Dec	Tara B.

Call to Order 7:30pm Tom opens/Rachel 2nd

1. DIAL commissioners that are participating remotely NONE

In attendance: Ray Slaman, Tom Fisichella, Abbie Slaman, Rachel Bunin, Kathy Zitelli, Bill Zitelli, Susan Rowley (Cresskill Environment Committee rep), Tanya Zimmerman, Sally Tayeb, Carole Stewart, Veronica Greco

2. Review Prior Meeting Minutes (need June (on Ray), July (on Rachel), and August minutes (on Ray))

3. Discussion of homeowner issues/questions (if any)

- Dead tree limb on Druid and Washington- private home- DPW will make tree safe, up to homeowner to remove tree
- Near Honiss property has a private tree, DPW will make safe and the homeowner has to remove
- 11 Richard Sidewalk (discussion about sidewalks, they are homeowner responsibility). Tree has been inspected several times.

4. DUMONT DAY recap

- VERY successful, kudos all around
- We didn't use green boards this year and won't in years to come, was a good thing not to have them.
- We need banner for next year (couldn't locate it this year)
- Sold all but 4 mums, high quality from Lupardis. Sold for \$10 really no problem at that price. The 4 leftover mums are at the arboretum but need watering
- Sold 6 bird feeders at \$10/feeder~~ thanks to Tanya and Andrew for making them

5. End of year agenda discussion

- Terrarium making evening \$10 at door..10/7 at Senior center 7:30-9pm Rachel and Abbie will post on FB – cannot count on Twin Boro anymore for news releases
- Wreath Making event 12/2- \$20 at door. Senior Center. Ray wants us to put the word out that we need boughs, evergreen, for wreath, hangers etc.
 - NOTES from recap from 2018 event year.. we should incorporate these into this year's event:
 - Shrubbery was a good start from Lupardies but mostly got greenery from our gathering
 - Tanya got amazing greens from a landscaper who was clearing a yard (holly and a cedar
 - Lupardi's was \$65 for greenery, some leftover along with other greens
 - All leftover greens went to the Scouts who had a wreath event (not a fundraiser, just activity) they were grateful for our greens.
 - Need more volunteers to cut up greens next year
 - Suggested Garden club can cut up flowers to dry (hydrangeas, mums, and others) Tara can spray paint
 - 35 wreath makers (\$20 x 35= \$700 gross)
 - Many favorable in suggestion box
 - Suggested Glue gun station next year

- Carole will try to take classes at the league to get CEUs for the Commission (we didn't do a seminar this year so need CEUs)
- Borough Calendar – last year Shade Tree meetings were omitted but this year Carole is “on it” so we will certainly be included. Also, we will have a Calendar ‘page’. Sally started this and Rachel and Team will finalize and get page PDF to Jeanine this week.
- Deadline is 10/1 for events and calendar page
- Billy is getting FOTST dates for Calendar to Ray/Carole

6. NJ Shade Tree Federation conference

- Atlantic City 10/24,25 Harrah's Ray may go, need to know who else will go. NOT Rachel, probably not Tanya. Maybe others?

7. NVEF - our EC/green team events and initiatives 10/3/19 Demarest offices

- Welcome Susan Rowley- spoke about Cresskill environmental commission, working together with Dumont, and having a Dumont presence at the Northern Valley Environmental festival
- The festival often falls on Arbor Day so it's a conflict for DSTC but we will try to work it out
- Towns in NVEF include Demarest, Cresskill, Haworth, Tenafly, ??

8. Community outreach and communication

- IG: 201 followers Twitter: 116 Followers
- FB is our main source of outreach, works well

a. Dumont

- b. Website – www.dumontshadetree.org working well, Tanya keeping it up to date. See below re: database but Tanya and Rachel ask that we stick with current WIX website for the website

- Data base for tree notices and permit requests

There are some issues with Database, not doing what we need it to do. Ray is looking into fixing it, maybe changing sources or getting a DBA to look at what's going on

b. Newsletter, social media

- Summer newsletter is out and printed
- Copies in Library and Borough Hall

9. Arboretum

- Vote will happen at council meeting to preserve the land for ever as arboretum.
- Carole will let us know which meeting so we can attend to support the vote
- Need nursery volunteers have a few new... one guy from high school signed up at Dumont Day (name?)
- Rex's water feature will be at the south end, a better location, was moved because of access to electric. Rocks already there. Will face north so people walking south on arboretum walkway will see it

a. Maintenance, inspections

- Inspection by Kathy and Bill Zitelli report:
- Corkscrew was pruned by Bill and Kathy but Large Corkscrew willow needs trimming a lot of dead wood on top
- Left limbs on curb for DPW
- Beds 11, 9, and 3 need upkeep, very weed filled, not being maintained
- Bill will reach out to scouts for Bed 3
- Signs need upkeep- Tom on it
- Teakettle was placed in a bed 9, Rachel and Tanya saw it, there's a 'note' inside. Discussion on whether or not to leave it. Not sure who put it there but consensus was to leave alone for now

- Gazebo needs more flyers
- Bird bath in bed 8
- Weeds in Bed 11
- Signs needed for new tree, coffee tree (maybe put tea kettle by coffee tree?)
- The dogwood is dead...maybe a good place for the 2020 arbor day
- Horn beam has split at crotch (??)
- Remove crepe myrtle sign
- Loose bolt on the first bench

general upkeep (monthly assignments)

- Next month Abbie

b. New gardeners/volunteers

- always need volunteers

c. Community use of the Arboretum

d. Brick sales

- Sally cleaned and prepped 38 blank bricks
- 7 need to be installed, will be done before it gets cold

10. Tree Nursery –Mary Normoyle, Nursery Manager was not a meeting

c. Fence project

- Fence is in, needs to be painted, hoping for a crew fence painting party on 10/5 volunteers needed

d. Second raised bed ??

Regular Business

11. Tree Maintenance; Tom trying to keep up

DPW Superintendent: Anthony Schiraldi, Arborist Dennis Banoff

12. Tree permits

- Ray said 4 to do still; so far 2019 had 130 permits

13. Update from FOTST – meeting, fundraising, activities and projects

Sally will have numbers from Dumont Day at next meeting

15. October 21st meeting at the SENIOR CENTER

Announcements:

THE DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION (DSTC)
HAS COMPLIED WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT,
HAVING SENT NOTICE TO THE RECORD, RIDGEWOOD NEWS, FILED WITH THE MUNICIPAL CLERK
AND POSTED ON THE BOROUGH'S OFFICIAL BULLETIN BOARD.

ALL DUMONT RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND OPEN MEETINGS OF THE DSTC

BUY A BRICK, ENJOY THE GAZEBO
(At the Arboretum on West Shore Avenue)

For more information visit www.dumontshadetree.org