

INTERLAKEN SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 13,2021 -

- A. Welcome to All. NJ Sunshine Law was read to all participants prior to beginning of STC Meeting.**
- B. Roll Call: Marguerite Dalton, John Insabella, John Finn, Laura Fikus, Jodi Heinz, Peter Hughes Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.** Meeting conducted online via Zoom due to NJ State Covid 19 regulatory limitations for public meetings.
- C. April 13, 2021 meeting minutes approved. Motion to approve: J.Heinz, Second M.Dalton**
- 1. Street Planting Subcommittee** Dalton, Insabella, Fikus are preparing to offer draft recommended sites for street tree planting, paring down the list from recommendations offered by STC members and subcommittee. The combined draft list is being assembled for review by full STC at May meeting.
 - 2. NJDEP – Community Forestry Management Plan 2021 Year Two** –Newsletter update. Heinz advised she will gather additional information on cost and feasibility of separate newsletter or combination with Interlaken Borough town newsletter. It was recommended the Borough Arbor Day celebration be postponed to Autumn 2021 to coincide with Fall tree planting and possibly better chances for physical public meeting. Group agreed.
 - 3. Heritage Tree (HT) Ordinance** Re-planting reminder letter. Heinz and Dalton stated they would individualize letters with recommended tree replacement species. Individual letters to be sent to residents who were approved for HT removals in 2020 reminding them of tree replacement responsibility. Follow-up at May meeting. Dalton indicated it would be preferable if HT applicants were present when the onsite tree assessment is performed by the HT subcommittee reps so dialogue on site circumstances can occur.
 - 4. 2021 Pruning** 510 Bridlemere was identified as location where tree removal was necessary.
 - 5. Update of Policy and Process** for resident requests to potentially engage private tree services for street tree pruning was determined to be in place per Insabella.
 - 6. Finance** YTD \$124.88 spent for NJ Shade Tree Federation and public meeting notices. Formal 2021 STC operating budget expected to be approved at Council meeting in April.
 - 7. New Agenda items: Spotted Lanternfly Inspections** ISTC members will team up to inspect public areas of town (ie Arboretum, park) at beginning of May to identify and destroy any SP egg masses found on public trees. Various teams and areas identified.
 - 8. Yard of the Month 2021** 2 nominations proposed to Insabella. Recommendations reviewed.
 - 9. Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 by Insabella and seconded Finn.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Fikus, STC Secretary-2021