

Interlaken Shade Tree Commission Meeting

Date: January 11, 2022

Welcome to All. NJ Sunshine Law was read to all participants prior to beginning of STC Meeting.

Roll Call: Marguerite Dalton, John Finn, John Insabella, David Sobotka, Charles Santoro, Peter Hughes (Remote)

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

December 14, 2021 meeting minutes approved. Motion to approve: J. Insabella, 2nd D. Sobotka

1. Reorganization – The following were elected to two-year terms:

- **Chairperson** – Marguerite Dalton - Nominated by J. Insabella, 2nd J. Finn
 - **Vice Chair** - Laura Fikus – Nominated by M. Dalton, 2nd D. Sobotka
 - **Secretary** – David Sobotka- Nominated by D. Sobotka, 2nd J. Finn
 - **Treasurer** – J. Finn – Nominated by J. Finn, 2nd M Dalton
- All were approved unanimously
- **Charles Santoro** was welcomed as a new member of the ISTC.
 - The board passed a unanimous resolution thanking Peter Hughes for his leadership as the prior chairman of the ISTC,

2. Schedule of meetings in 2022 – Meetings are to be held at 7 pm at borough hall on the 2nd Tuesday of the month with the exception of November when the 2nd Tuesday falls on election day. Dalton to check with the borough to see if there are any conflicts with moving that meeting to the 3rd Tuesday which is the 15th.

- **February 8th**
- **March 8th**
- **April 12th**
- **May 10th**
- **June 14th**
- **July 12th**
- **August 9th**
- **September 13th**
- **October 11th**
- **November 15th**
- **December 13th**

3. Development of preliminary 2022 tree planting plan –.

- Dalton suggested we set up sub committees:
 - Planting Committee – Chair J. Insabella V Chair – C. Santoro. Others on the committee – Fikus, Dalton, Santoro, Sobotka

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- Arboretum Committee – Chair – Dalton, V Chair, Insabella. Others on committee - Sobotka
 - We should think along the lines that each street or section of a street should have the same type of tree. Fernmere for example is London Planetrees.
 - The committee agreed to use the remaining list of tree requests from 2021 as a starting point for 2022 tree plantings. P. Hughes will forward that list to J. Insabella.
- 4. Grants** – Dalton is in contact with the Michael Martini of the NJ Division of Urban Forestry requesting information as to how to go about asking for grants. What types of grants are available and which ones does Interlaken fit into?
- 5. Finance/Budget** - Of the \$8,000 budget of 2021, \$289 remained at 12/31/21. The town will supply the committee with our 2022 budget when completed which will probably be April.
- 6. New Agenda topics from ISTC members –**
- Arboretum – New signage and QR codes
 - M. Dalton advised she has a contact who can print new signs for the arboretum free of charge.
 - D. Sobotka informed the group of the possible links that provided good explanations of trees in the arboretum. He was able to provide QR Code which linked to the Arbor Foundation of individual trees. Members observed the site was good with the exception that it provided links to purchase the same type tree which may not be appropriate.
 - M. Dalton will ask her contact if QR codes can be included on their signage.
 - With Arbor Day falling on April 29th the committee agreed to organize a celebration for Sunday, May 1 in the Arboretum. Things to consider including are:
 - An art show by Interlaken artists
 - Speakers
 - Tour of the arboretum
 - Maybe give out seedlings
 - M. Dalton suggested dividing the town into segments when considering improvements. The areas were designated in a town map that M. Dalton presented.
- 7. Comments from public**
- None were presented

Adjournment. Motion to adjourn was at 8:20 by M. Dalton, 2nd J. Insabella made and approved unanimously.

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